

**SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 15, 2022

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Jim Riehl, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, David Sprinkle, Steve DeForest, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Brian Comstock, and Carolyn MacGregor, WSBA Sections Program Specialist. Not able to be present were Carole Grayson, Morrie Shore and BOG Liaison Jordan Couch.

CHAIR’S REPORT—WE REMEMBER OUR TREASURER RON THOMPSON

We were shocked and saddened by the February 27 passing of Ron, our Treasurer, who had been an Executive Board member for many years. E.C. members shared memories of Ron and his accomplishments. Joe recalled that Ron had served as the President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association in the 1970s. Brian remembered that he and Ron passed the Bar exam together in 1959, and that Ron was a “marvelous guy.” Ron had been married for 65 years; he and his wife Marilyn had six children. A veteran of the Korean War, he retired from the Army Reserve in 1988 as a Colonel. Ron was 90 years old.

It was decided to wait until after the section elections to select a replacement for Ron.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Al’s minutes of our February 15, 2022 meeting were approved by Motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Eleanor distributed our Section’s financial reports (Statements of Activities and Detailed Trial Balances) received from the WSBA. The December reports show that four new dues-paying members joined or renewed during that month, and sets forth our fund balance at the end of December as \$13,939.77. The January reports revealed 191 joining or renewing memberships, and lists our fund balance, as of the end of January, as \$15,096.02.

BYLAWS REVISIONS PROCESS

Our revised bylaws were approved by the BOG at its March meeting. Our efforts have finally paid off. Eleanor mentioned that the World Peace Through Law Section is also planning a similar revision to its bylaws, made possible by our initiative.

UPCOMING SECTIONS ELECTIONS

Our Nomination Subcommittee, consisting of Jeanine, Carole and non-E.C. member Mike Frost, have completed and submitted the Election Set-up Form. It is still necessary for current E.C. members to apply; the application period runs from March 21 to April 21. This subcommittee is also in the process of recruiting for the Chair and Treasurer positions. ***June 6 to June 19* what is this?

NEWSLETTER MATTERS

Eleanor stated that we wish to get our next issue soon. Eleanor and others had more suggestions for articles or topics: remembering Ron, book recommendations, an article from the ABA re the right time to retire, a piece by Aaron Parker, and a monthly article by Chuck Erickson, Ph.D. regarding attorney wellness. Jim said that he thought that we should limit the size of the publication—too many pages would be overkill. It was suggested that our newsletter should contain a “column from the Chair.”

Other suggestions included travel columns written by our E.C. members. David said we E.C. members should all contribute to our newsletter. Carolyn suggested an article in the Bar News, either in the “Sections Spotlight” feature or a stand-alone story.

We also aim to promote our May mini-CLE in our publication (see below.)

OUR MINI-CLE PLANS

We are still planning to have Pete Roberts and Margeaux Green present at our next webinar. May 26 was mentioned as a possible date.

ON-GOING BAR STRUCTURE MATTER

Carolyn stated that the BOG is seeking comments from representatives of small, medium and large member sections to get feedback from the section-involved Bar membership regarding their respective views on the idea of an integrated Bar vs. a Bifurcated structure. This matter will be taken up at the BOG’s April 23 meeting, which can be attended by WSBA members via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Eleanor adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on April 19, 2022 at 10:30 am.

