

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

September 23, 2021

This meeting was conducted via Zoom. The following Executive Committee members were present at this meeting: Chair Eleanor Doermann, Ron Thompson, Jeanine Lutzenhiser, Jim Riehl, Al Armstrong, Joe Gordon, Carole Grayson, Steve DeForest, Brian Comstock, Morrie Shore, and soon-to-be-Executive Committee member David Sprinkle. Not able to be present was BOG Liaison Tom McBride.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Eleanor welcomed the attendees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Al's Minutes of our June 15 meeting were approved by Motion, as was the Memorandum of our August 20 special conference regarding our proposed WSBA Bylaws amendment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ron reported that we have \$13,911.11 in our account. There has been no activity since June 30. Our membership total is 258. At this time last year, we had 226 members. We are doing well membership-wise, but we remain somewhat below our 2015 total of 345. The reason that we are doing as well as we are is our sponsorship of two mini-CLEs during the course of the present fiscal year.

Ron also stated that our proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 has been approved by the Bar. That budget projects an end-of-year fund balance of \$10,958.00, a good deal less than our total now.

UPDATE ON BYLAWS REVISIONS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION AT SEPTEMBER 24 BOG MEETING

Eleanor related that she, Brian and Carole attended the September 24 BOG meeting. Eleanor made the presentation. She thought the BOG appeared very receptive. Brian said he didn't detect any negative reaction either. It was mentioned no substantive action on our proposal was going to be taken at this meeting, as this was only considered to be a "first reading." The next BOG meeting will take place in November, at which our proposal could be adopted. Then it will remain for us to, in turn and in accordance with the amendment, amend our own bylaws to allow inactive Executive Committee members to vote on matters before our Committee. As for how our Committee votes conducted prior to formal amendment of our bylaws, there was a question of how, or if, our inactive E.C. members should vote on any given matter. It was observed that all of

our votes are unanimous, which renders the question of inactive members voting or not voting somewhat moot, and Steve indicated he has already cast a few votes at this meeting. But Jim cautioned that, since someone may complain, perhaps the inactive members shouldn't cast formal votes until such time as our bylaws have been duly amended.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WSBA'S VACCINATION POLICY

It was mentioned that the WSBA has mandated that, in all WSBA-related volunteer activities, all participants must be fully vaccinated.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S IN-PERSON MEETING VENUE

It was noted that without Scott on our Committee any longer, Broadmoor is no longer an option as an in-person meeting place. So where to go, if we ever go back to in-person meetings? Morrie, being from Yakima, stated he liked the Zoom arrangement we have now. There was some support for Zoom meetings for a majority of the time, with in-person meetings every so often. Brian suggested that we consider this question at a future meeting, and Eleanor mentioned having an on-going discussion about this.

STATUS OF OUR ANNUAL FULL-LENGTH CLE

Carole said that there has been no change in the status of our May, 2022 CLE.

OUR WEBINAR CLE ENDEAVORS

Carole said that no webinars are currently planned. She related that the WSBA can now facilitate real-time video webinars. Eleanor said that she liked that and requested ideas for topics.

NEWSLETTER STATUS

Eleanor said that we need to come up with more suggested topics. Jim suggested that the Subcommittee (Jim, Morrie and Eleanor) meet in a couple of weeks. Brian said he would like to see some focus on what our goals are after considering to whom we are reaching out.

ADJOURNMENT

Eleanor adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.

Our next meeting will take place on a remote-attendance basis on October 19, 2021 at 10:30 am.