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Executive Committee Meeting
April 16, 2019
Agenda

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1. Roll Call (Jordan)
2. Approval of December & Retreat Minutes (Jordan)
3. Treasurer's Report (Bruce)
4. MentorLink Mixer; Practice Management Guide & Discount Network (Ana LaNasa-Selvidge)
5. Notice for Annual Meeting (after retreat in February or March)
6. Member Survey re Mandatory Insurance (Kari)
7. Committee Reports
 - Education: Ann, Bruce, Shashi, Pete
 - Membership: Kristina, Jordan, Darcel, Jennifer
 - ECC: John, Vitaliy, Jordan, Kari, Amber
8. Opportunity Re: CLE Programming with Revenue Sharing (John)
9. Section Leaders Meeting – April 18 at WSBA, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
10. New Business

Proposed Questions to Members re Mandatory Insurance

1. Does your practice fall within the Task Force definition of the “Private Practice” of Law?

According to the Task Force: “Private Practice” means the provision of legal services to clients, other than a lawyer’s employing organization and that organization’s representatives and employees in their organizational capacities. (This definition would exclude the following: judges; lawyers employed by government; lawyers employed by corporation or business entities; employees or independent contractor for non-profit or public defense office that provides insurance; mediators or arbitrators; volunteer attorneys for qualified legal services providers; or other lawyers not “actively licensed.”) (Task Force Report, Pg. 47).

- Yes
- No

2. Do you generally have one client, or do you work for multiple clients annually?

- Primarily one client
- Primarily multiple clients

3. Do you currently carry malpractice (or lawyer liability) insurance?

- Yes
- No

4. The Washington State Bar Association is considering a Task Force recommendation that requires all attorneys in “Private Practice” (see question one) to carry malpractice insurance. Do you support the Task Force recommendation?

- Yes, malpractice insurance should be required.
- No, malpractice insurance should not be required.

5. Instead of mandatory malpractice insurance, should all lawyers be required to disclose to clients whether or not they have a current malpractice policy (in addition to the bar reporting requirement)?

- Yes, client disclosure should be required.
- No, client disclosure should not be required.

6. Do you think deciding to require mandatory malpractice insurance should be put to a vote of the members of the bar?

- Yes, a bar member vote should be required.
- No, a bar member vote should not be required.

7. How strong are your feelings (pro or con) about this proposal for mandatory malpractice insurance?

- Very strong feelings; interested and motivated to act
- Somewhat curious; interested and could be motivated to act
- Indifferent; neutral; not motivated to act

8. Do you want to be on a mailing list to receive information about opportunities to share your opinions about this proposal for mandatory malpractice insurance?

- Yes (Please provide email address)
- No