



MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2016

Members Present: Greg McLawsen, Chair; Nancy Pacharzina, Chair-elect;; Jennifer Willner, Secretary; Shashi Vijay; Susan Fuller; Shana Pavithran; Angel Base arrived late

Members Absent: Bruce Gardiner, Treasurer; Kari Petrasek; Mark Jordan, Karin Quirk, Gil Price, ALA Liaison

Liaisons Present: Kristina Larry, YLC Liaison; Kim Risenmay, BOG Liaison

Advisors Present: Ann Guinn; John Redenbaugh; Pete Roberts

Others Present: Joe Terrenzio, WSBA Section Liaison

The Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

1. **Minutes.** Nancy reports that the Minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting have been misplaced. We must re-create them. Please see Slack message from Jennifer about this. Post your recollection of action items and motions on the Slack channel #minutes
2. **Treasurer's Report.** Bruce absent, but distributed financial reports in advance of meeting.
3. **Elections.** Five open slots and 6 candidates. Everyone should try to recruit one additional candidate.

Motion to extend time to Thursday to accept candidates and statements by Greg. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion passes.

4. **Conference update:** John and Jennifer updated on the Conference planning. WSBA would like Section commitment of \$4000 again for 2017.

Motion made by Nancy, Jennifer seconds, motion carries. John will tell Kevin. Table volunteers

5. **Section Liaison.** Joe introduces himself, he is new to WSBA, formerly an attorney in solo practice.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Education - Shashi gave the report
Updates to webinar schedule in progress
Some announcements aren't going out via eblast
Joe explains the steps necessary to send eBlast
A discussion of using interns
- b. Electronic Communications – John
See report
- c. Membership - Kristina

Unused \$1200, what do people want to do? Consensus: Hold a networking gathering.

Motion: Member mailing approval with letter, postage, staff time, window cling, not to exceed budget of \$1200 out of Reserves out of Membership expenditure.

7. **BOG Liaison Report**

Sections Policy Workgroup: proposals that Section opposed have died. New policies being discussed:

- Have general agreement on some consistency policies, fiscal year, elections
- New policy: no bar dues can used for alcohol; can have a special fund for alcohol

Bar Dues: Excess reserves will be spent by next year. We can expect that bar dues will increase back to \$450. Staff are eligible for public retirement benefits, that's the single biggest expense. WSBA has rented space at steep discount.

Kim is a CPA, has looked at expenditures very carefully, feels WSBA is spending money carefully, there's not much fat left after Referendum. A legitimate question to ask is whether to limit bar to regulatory functions only. The non-regulatory functions of WSBA account for 80% of budget.

Mandatory malpractice insurance being discussed to protect public. 90% of WSBA members carry insurance. Oregon is only state with mandatory insurance. British Columbia too.

Escalating Cost of Civil Litigation report: BOG rejected only 4 of 12 recommendations. It's gone on to SCT.

8. **Retreat:** January 28, 2017

Motion to finalize contracts with Clearwater Resort approved.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.