



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

## Taxation Section

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic

### **June 17, 2022: Meeting of the WSBA Tax Section**

#### **Persons in Attendance by Zoom or Telephone:**

1. Claire Taylor – Chair
2. Kristi L. Richards – Vice Chair
3. Megan Tahl- Secretary
4. Cat Connell - Treasurer
5. Jennifer Gellner
6. Callie A. Castillo
7. Bob Mahon
8. Jay Jetter
9. Al Mullins
10. Brett Durbin
11. Sienna Boyd
12. Daniel Sito
13. Ellen Tung
14. Sophia Meglioli
15. Aaron Johnson
16. Jason Harn
17. Carolyn MacGregor
18. William Richard
19. Rich Johnson

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- 8:02 a.m. The meeting was called to order
  - Move to approve the minutes from 5/20/22
    - Seconded
    - Approved
  - Debrief from the Section meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Good Meeting
    - Members attended
    - Perkins Coie was a good hosting venue.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Cat Connell)**

- Revenue is mostly generated from the dues.
- The cost of dues is \$20 a year of which \$18.75 goes to the WSBA
- We have used very little of the budget for this year.
  - We are planning to pay for the following items



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- Scholarship
- Tax Clinics
- Subsidize the Washington State Tax Conference
  - To come out of the seminar expense category.
- Revisiting the amounts donated to the clinics
  - We would revise the donation amounts from \$2000 to \$1000.
  - This amount would be in addition to amounts not paid in prior year.
- Options for the Scholarship
  - Fill the vacant chair
  - The entire EC would solicit donations?
    - Firms are less inclined to donate for these types of donations
  - We will include this item in this budget for next fiscal year
    - Discuss this issue again in the Fall.
  - Without the annual luncheon the benefits are decreased for the donating firms.
- Section Special Projects
  - Acts as a flexible line item to provide for multiple projects.
  - We might want to think about the cost of the DEI trainings.
- Executive Committee Expenses
  - Bump this amount up to an amount to \$2,000.
- We want to avoid having to do memos or make requests for budget changes
- Vote to approve the draft budget
  - Budget approved for the next fiscal year.

### **New Items Discussion:**

- Bar Structure Feedback Meeting
  - The group has gone through all the law and comments previously.
  - The meeting on Saturday 6/18/2022 will be about how to implement the findings from the previous meetings.
  - There will be another meeting in July and then the group wraps up in August.

### **Individual Committee Reports**



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### Estate & Gift Tax (Cat Connell & Reed Jones)

- No updates

### International Tax (Tuan Ngo & Al Mullins)

- No updates

### Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)

- No updates

### IRS Liaison (William Richard and Rich Johnson)

- No updates

### DOR Liaison (Dan Jensen)

- No updates

### Legislative (Brett Durbin)

- No updates

### Communications & Website (Jay Jetter)

- No updates

### Young Lawyers (Dan French / Open Position)

- Looking for recommendations for a new liaison
  - Aaron recommended an associate at Lane Powell
    - Aimee Miller

### Outreach/Scholarship (NEED A NEW CHAIR)

- We have done the work to get the scholarship paid. The payment is currently in process.



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### Pro Bono Committee (Jennifer Gellner)

- Jennifer is looking for volunteers for the next two tax court calendars.
- Are we planning to do another meet and greet for any of the visiting judges?
  - The judges were not comfortable with an in-person meeting.
  - We should see if a meeting in September would be possible.

### State & Local Tax (SALT) (Aaron Johnson)

- The Washington State Conference
  - August 11 and 12
  - Hybrid meeting so it will be both in person and virtual.
- We will hear more about the Texas Margin Tax in the Fall.
- Conference Meeting
  - The WA DOR is trying to be a leading state in relation to blockchain and NFTs.
  - The meetings would benefit from more attorneys on the council
  - From a rule making perspective they brought up 25 different rule making procedures but none of these activities had specific dates.
- Attempting to coordinate with the SALT group to create a CLE before the end of the year.

### CLE (Jason Harn & Sofia Meglioli)

- Planning a couple of sessions that are currently in development.
- Planning a SALT CLE
- Working with WSBA to sort out all these potential issues.

### DEI (Sienna Boyd & Ellen Tung)

- Attempting to find a good DEI speaker
  - Dorothy Twodoor (unsure of spelling)
    - Focuses on implicit bias and microaggressions.
    - Would the EC want to participate before we go out to the section at large?
    - 10-hour commitment to complete the trainings
      - 5 two-hour meetings to process the trainings.
      - We can figure out what timing works for us.



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- Timing and scheduling are big issues.
- We should think about whether these trainings could receive CLE credit.
  - Likely the timing would qualify.
- There are different types of DEI trainings and the ones for lawyers are not always productive.
- DEI learning is different from other kinds of learning.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 AM**