



WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Taxation Section

WSBA Tax Section Executive Committee – Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 15, 2024; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. (Meeting via Zoom)

In Attendance

Jason Harn
Aimee Miller
Carolyn MacGregor
Daniel Ng
John Clynch
Kimberly Anderson
Kristi Richards
Najja Bullock
Darin Jensen
Jennifer Gellner
Bob Mahon
Rich Johnson
Jessica Bejerea
Cat Connell
Tina Poley
Aaron Johnson
Jay Jetter
Al Sierra
Dan Sito
Megan Tahl
Darek Jarski

1. Called to order 8:03 am.
2. Call to Order, Attendance, Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - January Minutes – Approved.
 - February Minutes – Approved.
3. Treasurer's Report (Al Sierra)
 - Recently submitted special budget request for additional funds
 - Justice Gonzalez has confirmed for May 29th
 - Target is getting annual meeting announcement out by April 1st: e-blast and website post hopefully
 - Discussion re: annual meeting entry cost
 - i. Agree to \$65 private practice; \$35 government/student
 - Stouter Award
 - i. Individuals suggested as recipients.
 - ii. Request for people to circulate names and will be discussed next month

- Would like DEI to have time at the luncheon to highlight mentorship program developments

4. New/Ongoing Items

- Vote to approve co-chair of the Transactional Tax Committee
 - i. Daniel Ng – Approved
- Vote to approve at-large position
 - i. Rich Johnson stepping in for Sandra Veliz—approved
- Vote to approve IRS Liaison co-chair
 - i. Jason Harn stepping in for Rich Johnson—approved
- Jason Harn vacates CLE co-chair position
- Vote to approve Path Mentorship Program
 - i. Approved
- Vote to approve Taxation Section Blog as part of the Taxation Section webpage
 - i. DEI would like to be more communicative with opportunities and updates
 - ii. Per Carolyn: blog postings do not need vetting by the Bar for every post
 - iii. Vote to approve additional communication methods – Approved
- Discussion regarding prior recipients of Taxation Section Scholarship
 - i. Vote to determine whether prior recipients will be eligible to receive the scholarship for a second year
 - ii. No vote taken because no prohibition put in place
- Discussion adding law school liaison position; recommended John Clynch for position if created

5. Committee / Liaison Reports, Ideas, Goals

- Estate & Gift Tax
 - i. Next meeting is April 5th
 - ii. HB 1867 passed—removed requirement for estate tax return where includes qualifying residence if that value is removed would otherwise not have a filing requirement
- International Tax (Al Mullins)
 - i. No report
- Transactional Tax (Dan Sito)
 - i. Planning to have first roundtable next Friday, March 22nd.
- IRS Liaison (Najja Bullock)
 - i. TP assistance day in Tacoma today; April 18th in Seattle
 1. Information available at: <https://www.irs.gov/help/irs-face-to-face-saturday-help>
 - ii. New Chief Counsel appointed, Marjorie A. Rollinson
 - iii. Jason will reach out to Judge Buch's chambers re: interest in calendar luncheon
- DOR Liaison (Tina Poley)
 - i. Gil Brewer has retired; new Senior Assistant Director of Tax Policy is Tim Jennrich
 - ii. Cap gains rule hearing on April 9th
- Legislative (Brett Durbin)
 - i. Not present/No report
- Communications & Website (Jay Jetter)
 - i. Not present/No report
 - ii. Have been working with Jessica and Noah re: mentorship form
- Young Lawyers (Daniel French)
 - i. Not present/No report
- Outreach/Scholarship (Jennifer Gellner (not in attendance))
 - i. Donation solicitations coming soon; follow up blast for applicants coming soon as well
- Pro Bono Committee (Darin Jensen)

- i. Per John Clynch: TP assistance day
 - ii. May calendar call volunteers would be appreciated
 - iii. Event going to happen on a Sunday for volunteer attorneys; looking for sponsors
 - iv. Also looking for sponsors for cookies for Clinic student
- State & Local Tax (Aaron Johnson)
 - i. No report
- CLE (Jason Harn)
 - i. No report
- DEI (Jessica Bejerea)
 - i. First round of mentor-mentee matches complete (check recording)
- BOG
 - i. Not present/No report

6. Adjourned at 9:08 am