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Executive Committee Call

December 16, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Sara Anderson, Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Regina Paulose, Hilja Saas, Eleen Trang, Dwight VanWinkle, Anne Watanabe, Brent Williams-Ruth, and Randy Winn.

Approval of November Minutes

The board approved the November 2020 meeting minutes.

Mini-CLE Process & Issues

We send out an E-mail telling presenter what webinar involves and when they need to send PPT by. Works very smoothly.

Issues:

- When presentation ends early and we don't have prepared questions for the speaker to fill the void
- When presenter doesn't send in PPT when requested
- ON24 platform is not very engaging and clunky/burdensome for international participants - *Brent is looking into why WSBA uses it. Can we switch to Zoom for our mini CLEs? Other sections are using it. Eleen flagged that if we switch to Zoom, we will need to do things like track participants' bar numbers for CLE credit purposes. Devorah can explain these extra steps more comprehensively to us (Anne will reach out to her).*

Upcoming CLEs and Events

Jan 27 – 12 pm Complex Trauma – Challenges for Attorney & Client (*Camille producing*)

Jan 27 – 4 pm Listen In: Environmental Racism (*Camille producing*)

January 28: Climate Migration (ABA/WSBA) (International Practice Section is cosponsoring; waiting to hear back from other sections whether they'd like to cosponsor as well)

Feb 24 - 12 pm Law in the Time of Climate Change (*Dwight producing*)

March 23 - 12 pm: Nonhuman rights and human rights – co-webinar with Animal Law Section (*Randy producing*)

April – tbd (*Anne following up with speaker from Loren Miller Bar or this slot could be filled by speaker being identified by Dwight*)

Anne in discussion about half-day CLE program on recent decriminalization of drugs in Oregon; does Regina have speaker suggestions for international perspective on this topic?

May 17 - 12 pm: Restoration of voting rights

It seems that we might have more than 12 mini CLEs lined up for the year. If we have more than 12, is there a way to host them elsewhere (Zoom?) so that we don't miss out on the opportunity to host good programs? *Brent is inquiring about why there is a limit on CLEs.* Regina was told that this is a cost issue

for the WSBA. Or what if we could use some of the 12 mini CLE slots allocated to other sections and that they aren't using?

Budget for Externships and Scholarships

Over last couple budget cycles, we've allocated \$3,000 to grants/scholarships. Anne proposes finally using that money by splitting it between a scholarship and an externship. We have accrued a reserve of section funds over the last couple years. *Vanessa will explore this issue and present the numbers/background at our next meeting.*

The *externship* would be to support a student to do research for the prison book ban project (estimated 50 hours of work). WPTL and the Civil Rights Section would supervise the intern. Randy suggested that the Section formally adopt the project.

Anne suggests working through the law schools to fund the *scholarship*. Regina is concerned that if we only go through law schools, we would not identify a diverse candidate. How about going through the Washington Bar Foundation instead, which is currently giving out scholarships? Brent explained that the Foundation's Powerful Communities grants do not go to individuals though, just organizations. He's concerned that the Foundation doesn't currently have the capacity to administer this scholarship. There is also concern that the Powerful Communities grant timeframe is not conducive to having an intern.

Anne is going to explore these different options and bring a proposal back to the Committee at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.