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Executive Committee Call

March 18, 2020 | 4:30 PM

Participants: Vanessa Hunsberger, Camille McDorman, Regina Paulose, Eleen Trang, Anne Watanabe, and Randy Winn.

Approval of February Minutes

The board approved the February 2020 meeting minutes.

CLEs

- February Cameroon CLE: 12-20 people participated, good speaker. Dwight is shadowing Randy on running CLEs. He still needs official WSBA training. Then Randy, Camille, and Dwight can figure out who does what when over the next few months (*they will organize themselves and let Regina know how they want to schedule themselves per CLE*). Anne would also like to receive training and be a backup for Randy and Camille.
- Can we run CLEs remotely? Anne had a conversation with Devora where she said she preferred that we run CLEs from the WSBA office.
- March 30 CLE on Syria: Randy will run this one.
- April 20 CLE: Camille will run this one. A reminder to keep the speaker on course 😊 . *Regina will introduce Camille and the speaker.*
- May CLE: the presenter is also running for WPTL Chair-Elect!
- April 3 Cultural Heritage Protection CLE has gone virtual with no more in-person components. But agenda is set and looking good!
 - Question for Eleen: is it possible to discount the cost of registration given current circumstances? Eleen says this question needs to go up the chain to Miriam. She thinks pricing is set by the Board of Governors. *Regina will inquire.*
 - Randy is moderating a panel and needs to coordinate with Regina and Anne about preparing for this. *He needs to go through the materials that Regina E-mailed.*
- Proposed joint CLE with International Practice Section (IPS): Regina relayed our concern over feasibility of a Gonzaga event. There are no hard feelings.
- Regina made a contact at the San Francisco Bar who has enjoyed our programs (he is also a WSBA member). They're talking tomorrow about collaboration. She's not sure what he will be proposing but it's a cool opportunity for collaboration and exposure to CA lawyers.

Other Activities

- *We Hold These Truths* reading was cancelled because the libraries are closed. Unclear what's going to happen now. The play could possibly be turned into an on-demand broadcast.
- Most recent book club discussion: members very appreciative that WPTL is involving the public; really enjoyed both book selections (*The Sun Does Shine* and *Just Mercy*). Next book club was scheduled for tonight and was cancelled. The rest of the book clubs are scheduled for August and September so hopefully can go forward.

- Section sponsorship of mass atrocities and human rights seminar: the mass atrocities and human rights seminar is taking place in September in Scotland and an environmental crimes seminar will be in October. WPTL has sponsored the mass atrocities seminar over the last couple years through a \$500 contribution. If we're interested in sponsoring both seminars, we could give \$250 to each. The benefit of sponsorship is that the programs are high quality and we don't often have the opportunity to tag onto large-scale events due to our own limited capacity. Hoping that registration fee will be lower this year and that the seminars will be webcast. We will take this up during our next executive committee meeting.
- Homelessness legal clinic idea: Regina asked other section leaders about their interest/experience. Found some interest but there is concern about malpractice insurance. So we probably need some more time to figure out how this would work.
- The admin law section organizes a quarterly dinner as a member networking event. What about doing a similar dinner with IPS? This could become a regular WPTL event that we invite other sections that we overlap with to join. We would limit attendance to 25 people. Try for August? No need for a speaker, focus on networking.
- Human rights award:
 - South Asian Bar Association recipient will be Tahmina Watson; award to be given later this year.
 - We are waiting for the Middle Eastern Legal Association of Washington to tell us who their next award recipient will be.
- WSBA section executive committee election nomination process is going on now with a deadline of March 30 (currently looking at extending the deadline).
- Board of Governors is meeting this week virtually with a one-day agenda only. People can join via conference call or webcast.
- Regina still has not heard from Executive Committee member-at-large Art. It's not very helpful to have an absent board member when there are others who would like to be involved. *Anne will look into what our bylaws are for at-large member engagement.* We'll take this issue up during our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.