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Executive Committee Call

November 20, 2024 | 4 PM

Participants: Bridgett Fisher, Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, Nandini Rao, Anne Watanabe, and Allison Widney

Quorum achieved.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes taken at our September and October 2024 meetings.

Adding Roles to the Executive Committee

We would love for Randy Winn to continue to be involved in section leadership. Carolyn suggested that other Executive Committee's have given emeritus status (not an elected position) or non-voting advisor roles to individuals. While figuring out Randy's role in the near term, we could also consider writing this process into our by-laws if we'd like to make this possible in the long-term. These options have come about as individuals have stepped down from leadership roles to make space for new leadership but the individuals have a lot of institutional knowledge and expertise to share.

Alternatively, could we simply update our by-laws to say that we can have a certain number of additional at-large members? This would give us more flexibility than writing in one additional emeritus member. Carolyn said that some sections have followed this kind of model although the details are more vague, might require updating more regularly.

Emeritus roles are not elected but additional board positions would require a vote by section members. Which one gives us more flexibility? Does either title make a difference for how Randy can contribute?

For Randy specifically, it would be helpful if he could continue to be part of WSBA's section leadership listserv. How does this sound?

What next? Carolyn will walk us through the process of bylaw amendment: language edits, a cover letter, and adding the item to the BOG agenda. The BOG doesn't necessarily discuss the edits; they can vote on Section changes all together. Bridgett will work with Carolyn on this process. If we want to move the process along quickly, we would have to have materials ready by December 10 for the January BOG meeting. Then Randy could be on the ballot for the spring. Meanwhile, we could help Randy with listserv communication.

We could start inviting Randy to join Executive Committee meetings right away as a non-voting CLE committee member with honorary status. He would be participating in his role as a section member. We could do this while we work on the bylaw amendments.

MOTION: Bridgett proposed offering honorary, non-voting status to Randy (purpose is for him to participate in CLE development) and to amend our bylaws by late spring to expand the number of positions on our Executive Committee

VOTE: For 3, Against 0, Motion Passed.

Section Project Ideas

Folks are thinking through ideas and potential new directions following the election. Bridgett and Randy are meeting with WSBA's Sally Ramero to discuss potential upcoming programs.

Website Refresh

Bridgett has been in touch with Noah about this and is waiting for a markup from him.

WSBA Updates

The materials from fall orientation are on the website. Section recruitment was a popular choice for an upcoming discussion topic so there will be more on this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.