



# DRAFT MINUTES

## Executive Committee Call

January 19, 2022 | 4:30 PM

**Participants:** Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, Brent Williams-Ruth, Pamela Van Swearingen, Anne Watanabe, and Randy Winn.

### Approval of December Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the minutes from the December 2021 Executive Committee call.

### CLE Planning

- January: Randy and Pamela are working on a CLE on January 27 about the Afghan resettlement effort (Randy will produce). Share the CLE broadly!
- February: Randy is working on a CLE about the Irish Peace Brigades (Dwight will produce). He is working on nailing down a date with the WSBA.
- March: Randy is working on a CLE about justice and the rule of law in Africa (Camille will produce). He is working on nailing down a date with the WSBA.
- April 20: Regina is putting on her annual full-day CLE on examining people's movements and the law (focus on freedom of speech and freedom of assembly). As in years past, she is seeking a \$200 sponsorship from WPTL.

### Sponsorship of April 20 CLE on Examining People's Movements through the Law

Anne moved to approve \$200 in support of the April 20 CLE. We will request additional details from Regina to better understand the program as it is developed. Pam seconded the motion and all voting Executive Committee members voted in support.

In the future we'll try to circulate section business with budgetary implications to the Executive Committee one week in advance.

### Amending Section Bylaws

Our bylaws are not consistent with WSBA bylaws on basic requirements for nominating committees that select candidates for section Executive Committee positions. Our bylaws require the inclusion of three non-Executive Committee members to the nominating committee whereas WSBA requires just one. The intention was to encourage broader reach for candidates but the reality is that it's difficult to find people who want to sit on a nominating committee. This creates a barrier for us. Perhaps we could consider amending our rules to match the WSBA rules. Anne will draft language for the Executive Committee to consider at our next meeting. We can discuss/approve the language in February before sending to General Counsel and the BOG.

Deadline for submitting proposals (like revised bylaws) to be considered at the BOG March 2022 meeting is next Friday, January 28. This timing won't work for us to modify the upcoming election cycle but we could get a new system in place for the following year.

If we do go through the process of amending our bylaws, we could consider expanding voting and governing rights to attorneys that are in inactive status. The WSBA bylaws now allow sections to do this. This could potentially mean that in the future we could draw in more folks to our section.

### **Nominating Committee**

We will need to identify a non-Executive Committee member to serve on our nominating committee. We could reach out to Mickey and/or Regina to serve?

### **BOG Update from Brent**

BOG has four open positions and we are in the candidate phase for people looking to run for a congressional district seat (districts 2, 9, and 10). There is also an open at-large position. Filing deadlines are coming up!

The BOG is moving ahead with reopening the conversation about the bar's structure between now and August 2022. The process this time round will look very different than the previous discussion in 2018. Will need to answer for WA Supreme Court what is in the best interest of our membership. There will be many discussions open to members on different aspects of the issue so that folks can focus in on what matters to them. Brent encourages us to use section comment policy or to comment individually. BOG is committed to creating a safe space for honest feedback from all on bar structure. There are tight deadlines coming up for contributions to the BOG's discussion but it is possible to figure out a way to get feedback considered. Brent is working to collect as much deep and wide knowledge in order to cast his vote on this subject.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.**