



# MINUTES

## Executive Committee Call

August 18, 2021 | 4:30 PM

**Participants:** Vanessa Hunsberger, Carolyn MacGregor, Regina Paulose, Dwight VanWinkle, Anne Watanabe, Brent Williams-Ruth, and Randy Winn.

### Approval of June Minutes

The Executive Committee approved the minutes from the June 2020 Executive Committee call.

### Recap of Past Events

Randy has had good experience using ON24 for a mini-CLE although Camille encountered issues. Still unclear whether ON24 or Zoom is a better option. Might depend on needs for the particular event. On ON24, you can now see the presenter alongside the PowerPoint presentation but not the audience. The sound also now goes through the computer instead of requiring a phone line.

### Upcoming CLEs

- August 19 – 12 pm: Human Rights Implications of Nuclear Testing and Hazardous Waste Disposal on Indigenous Lands (Dwight, producer)
- September 30 – 12pm: *Nestle USA v. Doe/Cargill*: Alien Tort Statute, co-webinar with International Practice Section (Elly Baxter, IPS, producer)
- Environmental Crimes Conference – Common Good Foundation, Sept 16-17, Channel Islands, UK (Regina)

### Budget for Next Year

Includes funds for section Zoom license, funds for scholarships/special projects as we've been doing in the last couple years, and in-person events. Final version of budget will be submitted to WSBA this week.

### Young Lawyer Liaison Candidate for FY 22

Our one applicant withdrew his application. Options for next steps are keeping the application open or waiting to recruit until next year. We'll keep the application open. Regina has some ideas for new applicants and will connect them to Vanessa.

### Recruitment for Randy's At-Large Position (for term beginning 10/1)

We need to start thinking about candidates for this recruitment process. It's possible that Randy could stay in his at-large position while being chair-elect if we don't have candidates (our bylaws say the Executive Committee is made up of the officers and 3 at-large members). Regina has some ideas for candidates.

## **Section Leaders Report**

Scheduling has been a challenge over the summer and attendance has been low. Perhaps the pace will pick up in the fall.

An issue has come up: allowing senior lawyers to join executive committees (and have voting status). There is a survey going around about the subject. Issues to consider:

- Challenge of filling executive committee positions
- Who gets to weigh in on direction of WSBA? Dues paying members exclusively?
- Might be a decision that each section gets to make for itself
- Always looking at ways to engage membership and encourage participation in WSBA activities

## **BOG Issues**

New Supreme Court order that came out today: anyone who works for Supreme Court must be vaccinated. This might apply to WSBA employees and volunteers. Folks generally expressed support for encouraging vaccination with exceptions (such as disability, etc) and allowing for remote work/participation options. Brent will take insights back to the BOG this weekend, which will be discussing the issue.

## **Other**

Thank you to Regina for her incredible leadership of the section!

**Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.**