

Wyoming State Bar Board of Officers & Commissioners Meeting

August 16-17, 2019

Holiday Inn East

Casper, Wyoming

In Attendance: Weston T. Graham, President; Kelly M. Neville, President-Elect; Billie LM Addleman, Vice President; J. Kenneth Barbe, Treasurer; Melinda S. McCorkle, First Judicial District Commissioner; Teresa S. Thybo, Third Judicial District Commissioner; Jeremy K. Kisling, Fourth Judicial District Commissioner; James L. Edwards (by phone), Sixth Judicial District Commissioner; Charles S. Chapin, Seventh Judicial District Commissioner; Shawn G. Wilde, Eighth Judicial District Commissioner; Marion F. Marchetti, Young Lawyers Section Chair; Sharon Wilkinson, Executive Director; Mark W. Gifford, Bar Counsel, and Cathy Duncil, Admissions Director

Absent: Robert C. Jarosh, Immediate Past President; Sarah L. Chavez, Second Judicial District Commissioner; R. Scott Kath, Fifth Judicial District Commissioner; James T. Whiting, Ninth Judicial District Commissioner;

Guests: Christopher H. Hawks and Hon. Michael Golden (Ret.), Chair of Review & Oversight Committee

President Weston T. Graham called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019.

Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Sharon Wilkinson asked to add the following items to the agenda:

1. Possible Dissolution of the Business Law Section
2. Possible Dissolution of the Criminal Justice Section
3. SOLACE Program Coordinator Vacancy
4. University of Wyoming Foundation Scholarship

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to approve the agenda with Executive Director Wilkinson's additions. Commissioner Thybo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

President-Elect Neville made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2019, meeting as well as the minutes from the June 28, 2019, conference call. Commissioner McCorkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Graham called attention to the minutes of the Executive Committee's meetings and asked if anybody had any questions. There were none.

West Edge Collective Contract Obligations

President Graham made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner McCorkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Barbe reported that the Bar is doing very well financially. He provided an overview of the financial statements. He also reported that our investments are doing well. As for the budget, he noted that we are only 75% through the fiscal year and we are already at 100% of our predicted revenue.

President-Elect Neville made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Kisling seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Admissions

Cathy Duncil, Admissions Director, reported that she administered the July bar exam to 59 applicants. She reported that the Board of Law Examiners graded the exams yesterday and today and she expects results to be out in mid-September. She shared that the swearing-in ceremony for newly admitted members will be September 27, 2019, followed by a reception hosted by the Bar.

Mark Gifford, Bar Counsel, shared that the character and fitness system continues to function effectively. He provided an overview of how that process works. Mr. Gifford and Ms. Duncil shared that they are currently devoting a considerable amount of time to a unique character and fitness issue and provided a brief overview of that situation.

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the new CLE Rules will go into effect January 1, 2020. She provided an overview of the most significant changes to those rules.

Office of Bar Counsel

Attorney Discipline—Mark Gifford reported that the Wyoming Supreme Court adopted significant changes to the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure that will go into effect September 1, 2019. He shared that the Board of Professional Responsibility (BPR) will increase from seven people (five lawyers and two non-lawyers) to nine (six lawyers and three non-lawyers). Also, disciplinary hearings will be before three-person hearing panels made up of two lawyers and one non-lawyer. He was pleased to report that this will cut down on both expenses and workload for the BPR members and it will speed up the process. Mr. Gifford shared that the new rules remove the due process concern he has always had with the current rules, as they provide for creation of a review panel—separate from the hearing panel—to consider stipulated motions for public discipline.

Fee Arbitration—Mark Gifford reported that Shannon Howshar, his assistant, and Tim Woznick, Fee Arbitration Committee Chair, really have an effective process in place and that program is functioning very well.

Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL)—Mark Gifford reported that he will have his first hearing before the UPL Committee in September, and this will be the first hearing since the UPL rules were overhauled in 2014. Mr. Gifford shared that the matter involves a non-lawyer who drafted a trust agreement for an elderly couple, which required unnecessary legal fees to resolve a cloud on the title of land placed in the trust.

Client Protection Fund—Mark Gifford shared that the Bar did get the expected \$15,000 annual claim from a client of a deceased member who absconded with \$100,000 in settlement funds. He reported that after payment of this claim, the balance owing to this last remaining client will be \$35,000. Mr. Gifford shared that each time the Court suspends an attorney, the Bar receives a few calls from clients inquiring about the process to recover any money they have also paid that attorney.

Approval of Strategic Plan

Executive Director Wilkinson shared the Strategic Plan that Chris Newbold, Facilitator, developed from the Strategic Planning session in June and asked for the Board's approval. President Graham shared that he thinks it is an effective plan. He challenged the staff to come up with some specific ideas for each area and bring the ideas back to the November meeting.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she attended the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) annual meeting last week in San Francisco. One of the programs she attended was on lawyer wellness, so she has some resources from other states in that regard.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Thybo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Revisions to Travel Reimbursement Policy

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the Executive Committee had revised the Travel Reimbursement Policy to reflect that ex-officio members of the Board of Officers & Commissioners will only be reimbursed mileage within the borders of Wyoming. This came as a result of her recognizing that there was no longer a residency requirement for the Chair of the Young Lawyers Section, and that person serves on this Board.

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that it had asked her to include attendance at the Western States Bar Conference—specifically the years when it is hosted in Hawaii—on today's agenda. She reminded the Board members of the discussion at Strategic Planning about that and reiterated that she continues to have concerns about spending Bar funds on that trip.

Mark Gifford shared that he and Executive Director Wilkinson follow the challenges to mandatory bars very closely and mentioned that he too is concerned about this. He recommended that the Board limit the expenses on the Western States Bar Conference. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that in light of the challenges—two being in the western states—she continues to be surprised that there hasn't been a decision to eliminate Hawaii as a destination for the conference. Commissioner McCorkle shared that there was discussion about that at this year's conference.

After discussion, Commissioner Chapin asked Mr. Gifford to draft a policy that would address his concerns. Then the Board could massage the policy as it sees fit.

President Graham directed Executive Director Wilkinson to pull the draft policy that he brought before the Board back in 2015 and have Mr. Gifford revise it as he deems appropriate and include this as a discussion item for the November Board meeting.

Vice President Addleman asked Executive Director Wilkinson if she thought there was a benefit to the Bar having a presence at this conference. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she has only attended the conference once when it was in San Diego. Overall, she didn't see a benefit to her attendance; however, she shared that she does see value in Wyoming's bar leaders networking with other bar leaders from neighboring states. President Graham agreed.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared some other opportunities the Board could consider where they could get the benefit of great programming and networking with Bar leaders.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that on a recent Executive Committee call, Treasurer Barbe recommended adding a clause to the travel reimbursement policy to address when and if the Bar would pay for spouses' and other guests' meals. Cathy Duncil pointed out that the policy only addresses reimbursement and not necessarily what the Bar spends its money on. Treasurer Barbe agreed that the policy was fine as written.

Ratification of Appointment of Second Judicial District Commissioner

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that the Executive Committee had appointed Sarah Chavez from Rawlins to complete President-Elect Neville's term as the Second Judicial District Commissioner after her appointment to President-Elect. She reminded the Board that any decision made by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the full Board.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to ratify the decision of the Executive Committee to appoint Sarah Chavez as the Second Judicial District Commissioner. President-Elect Neville seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Comments on Pro Hac Vice Rule

Mark Gifford shared that there were two things that prompted the thorough review of the Pro Hac Vice rule: 1) Judge Bluemel revoked pro hac vice status for a Utah lawyer that was misbehaving, and 2) the public defender crisis in Gillette and Casper. Mr. Gifford recognized that the rule had not been reviewed in quite some time. He shared that the "call for comments" generated ten pages of comments from members that resulted in a much-improved end result. Mr. Gifford requested approval to submit the revised rule to the Supreme Court for adoption.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to approve Mr. Gifford's request to send the proposed amendments to the Pro Hac Vice Rule to the Supreme Court for adoption. Vice President Addleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Flood Marketing Public Awareness Campaign

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she is not coming up with any dynamic content for the public awareness campaign and she senses the Board is only luke-warm on the overall idea. She reported that she brought this to the Executive Committee's attention after Strategic Planning and after discussion, the Executive Committee felt that her concerns should be shared with the full Board. Executive Director Wilkinson reported that we have already spent \$9,100 on the project to develop a concept with Flood Marketing, and our contract obligates the Bar to spend \$9,100 more for the completion of the project. She shared that she has met with Flood Marketing to discuss her concerns, and they of course want to salvage the project and are confident they can come up with something the Board will be pleased with. Executive Director Wilkinson wondered if we perhaps would like to change gears with the project and instead of focusing on lawyers volunteering in their communities, we focus on the initiatives in the new Strategic Plan—lawyer wellness and the solo and small firm goals.

Vice President Addleman shared that he would like to see us complete the project. He is aware of the concerns about featuring a specific lawyer or lawyers in a video and essentially giving those lawyers free advertising for their firm. He shared that he and Past President Jarosh have discussed this and did not think we even need to use the lawyers' names.

Commissioner Wilde shared his concern that this was originally intended to be a pilot program to see if we wanted to roll it out around the state. The effectiveness of this type of project is hard to measure so we will never know if it truly had the impact we hoped for. President-Elect Neville shared that when we adopted this project, we understood that it was not measurable. Commissioner Kisling shared that he thinks since we are half-way into the project, we should complete it.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that one of the things Flood Marketing suggested to avoid using real lawyers is to do an animated video. She has seen some other animated videos they have done, and she really liked them. Another idea that was shared was to feature the clients that have been helped by lawyers, similar to the "I'll Do One" video.

President Graham shared that he still thinks we need to really emphasize the service aspect of the message. He feels that we need to make it broader about lawyers in general helping Wyoming citizens and communities.

Vice President Addleman made a motion to finish the project as initially developed focusing on attorneys involved in the Casper community. The motion failed for lack of a second.

After much discussion, Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she felt like she had the direction from the Board to move forward with the project.

Bar Counsel Performance Evaluation

Mike Golden, Chair of the Review and Oversight Committee, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Kisling made a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner McCorkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thybo made a motion to come out of Executive Session. President-Elect Neville seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to increase Bar Counsel's annual salary by \$5,000 to \$155,000. Treasurer Barbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner McCorkle abstained from the vote.

Annual Member Benefit Review

Executive Director Wilkinson presented her annual report on the member benefits encompassing usage, revenue generated for the Bar and the involvement each provider has with the Bar. After discussion, the Board felt that no changes were needed to any of the member benefits.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared an overview of a new member benefit she would like the Board to approve. She reported that she has been working with two gentlemen at Education

Loan Finance (ELFI), a company that helps refinance student loans on better terms and is quite impressed with what they are offering. She shared that there are two options in regard to the agreement we could enter into with ELFI. One option would generate some revenue for the Bar based on the number of members who refinanced their student loans with ELFI. The other option would not generate revenue for the Bar but would give the members more of a credit towards their loans.

Mark Gifford shared that when he and Cathy Duncil provide an overview of each applicant for the Character and Fitness Committee, it is not at all unusual to see six-figure college loan debt. As a result, Mr. Gifford shared that he thinks this is a no-cost benefit that our members would appreciate.

Both President Graham and Commissioner McCorkle shared that they thought ELFI would be a great benefit. Commissioner Thybo shared that she is not opposed to this benefit, but she has a concern that the membership oftentimes has the misconception that their license fees are being spent to bring all of these member benefits to them. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she will do what she can to avoid that misconception with the roll-out of new member benefits.

Commissioner McCorkle made a motion to enter into an agreement with ELFI so that the members get the full benefit and the Bar does not generate revenue from it. Commissioner Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2019/2020 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Wilkinson provided an overview of the proposed budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. One of the topics she wished to discuss was whether or not the Bar should fund the ABA delegates' travel expenses. She again reminded the Board about challenges to mandatory bars and shared that she had discussions with other Executive Directors of those bars last week at her San Francisco conference and learned that some of them are eliminating their funding for such travel. Mark Gifford recommended cutting all funding for the ABA delegates.

Executive Director Wilkinson also shared that some Bars do not even designate ABA delegates; however, there is a clause in the Bylaws that indicates how to elect ours.

President Graham shared that he felt that we should not fund the delegates at all, but he didn't mind leaving the Bylaws alone and still have the delegates. All were in agreement to eliminate funding for the ABA Delegates' travel expenses.

Executive Director Wilkinson offered to poll the other mandatory bars to see how many do not have ABA Delegates.

Mark Gifford recommended eliminating the Judicial Poll expense. He described some of the problems he sees with the poll. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the results of the poll are the only resource the public has before going to the polls to vote for the retention of judges. While she knows some of the judges would like to see the poll eliminated, she worries that the membership would not be happy with that decision.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the decision to eliminate the poll would impact the proposed budget, as the 2020 poll's cost estimate is \$15,500. After discussion, it was decided to leave the cost of the poll in the proposed budget.

Federal Indian & Tribal Law Section Budget Request

Executive Director Wilkinson reported that the Federal Indian & Tribal Law Section Council has requested \$500-\$1,000 to host a reception in conjunction with a CLE program. Commissioner Thybo shared that she was happy to see this section up and active and she is in support of the budget request. President Graham agreed.

Commissioner Thybo made a motion to approve the request at \$1,000. Commissioner Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Federal Bar Section

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the Federal Bar Section Council has requested \$2,000 to host a reception to benefit the WyLAP Foundation like they did last year.

Vice President Addleman made a motion to approve the Federal Bar Section's budget request. President-Elect Neville seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Energy & Natural Resources (ENR) Section

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the ENR Section Council has requested \$1,500 for its general operating budget and \$8,000 to host next summer's ENR Section Summit. She mentioned that while it is not specifically mentioned in the budget request, she and Cathy Duncil have also factored in \$8,000 on the revenue side from the summit. Executive Director Wilkinson provided an overview of each summit with the financial outcome.

Vice President Addleman made the motion to approve the ENR Section Council's budget request. Commissioner Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Young Lawyers Section Budget Request

Marion Marchetti, Chair of the section, shared that the section council's request is for \$3,000 and discussed the plans for the money.

Vice President Addleman made a motion to approve the Young Lawyers Section Council's budget request. Commissioner Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Possible Dissolution of Sections

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that during the nomination period, there was no interest from Business Law Section members to serve on the leadership council. She reminded the Board that in the event of no interested parties, the uniform section bylaws require the Executive Committee to appoint section members to run for election. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that on a call with the Executive Committee, it was decided to encourage the section council to recruit section members to serve in each capacity on the council. She was pleased to report that the section council had done that, and the Business Law Section will have a full slate of council members beginning October 1, 2019.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she belongs to an online community through her membership with the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE). The community is provided by Higher Logic, and she wonders about looking into this for the Bar's sections. She provided an overview of the benefits and offered to gather more information to bring back to the November meeting.

Treasurer Barbe, a member of the Business Law Section, shared that one of the problems with this section is that it is so diverse that it is hard to identify practice areas the section should cover. He liked the Higher Logic idea as did Commissioner McCorkle.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared a very similar scenario in regard to the Criminal Justice Section. She shared that on a previous Executive Committee call, the members had appointed Amy Iberlin to serve as the Chair-Elect of that section and encouraged them to recruit section members to serve in all other capacities on the council. She was pleased to report that the section council had done that, and the Criminal Justice Section will have a full slate of council members beginning October 1, 2019.

Executive Session

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Wilde seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCorkle made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Thybo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to accept and implement Executive Director Wilkinson's recommended salary increases for the staff. Vice President Addleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to increase Executive Director Wilkinson's annual salary to \$102,500. Vice President Addleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

University of Wyoming Foundation Scholarship

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the Bar's agreement with the UW Foundation for the Bar's scholarship expires October 31, 2019, when we make our last contribution. She reminded the Board that it had entered into the agreement to pledge \$6,000 over a three-year period beginning in October 2017. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she has not yet been contacted by the Foundation about renewal but thought she would get this before the Board, as it would impact the proposed budget. Commissioner Chapin recommended waiting to make a decision until the Foundation approached the Bar about renewing. Vice President Addleman agreed.

Commissioner Chapin made a motion to cut the UW Foundation Scholarship from the budget. Vice President Addleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Weston T. Graham adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019.

President Weston T. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

2019-2020 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Executive Director Wilkinson reported that she had worked with President-Elect Neville to come up with the locations for next year's meeting schedule. After discussion, dates and locations were selected. Executive Director Wilkinson will share the final schedule and get dates posted to Board members' calendars.

SOLACE Program

Executive Director Wilkinson reported that Kara Fornstrom, the SOLACE Program Coordinator, has decided to step down due to time constraints. She reminded the Board that Ms. Fornstrom was the one who approached the Board with the idea to implement such a program in Wyoming back in 2015. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that Ms. Fornstrom is very passionate about the program but unfortunately just does not have the time it takes to run it.

President Graham asked Executive Director Wilkinson to thank Ms. Fornstrom for her service and felt that we could find another volunteer to take it on. Executive Director Wilkinson offered to brainstorm with Ms. Fornstrom about a new coordinator and indicated that she hoped to be able to bring that back to the November meeting.

Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee

Commissioner Thybo reported that the Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee is questioning how updates will be distributed to the membership once they are available. The committee members also wonder if we need to charge for the instructions considering it is an access to justice issue, as criminal defendants can represent themselves and need access.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that if there are only a few minor changes, those are just uploaded as a supplement to the instructions; however, if there are significant changes/updates, a new set of instructions is prepared and made available for sale.

Commissioner Thybo shared that Steve Easton, committee member, did some research and shared that North Dakota and Alaska offer their jury instructions for free on their website. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that the criminal instructions alone have generated revenue of over \$29,000 over the last five years, so offering them free of charge would impact the Bar's revenue.

Mark Gifford shared that a significant amount of staff time goes into preparing and formatting those instructions. He proofs each set of instructions once Executive Director Wilkinson or another staff person formats them. He also checks all of the cites. He worries that if the Bar makes one set of instructions free of charge, it would have to remove the cost for all jury instructions, which would significantly impact the Bar's revenue.

Treasurer Barbe asked if the concern of the committee was the fact that lawyers must pay for them. Commissioner Thybo clarified that the concern is that pro se defendants have to pay for them. President-Elect Neville wondered about pro se defendants providing an affidavit regarding their financial situation so that they could get them for free.

Commissioner Wilde does not agree that this is an access to justice issue. If it were, the courts should be paying for and offering them. Commissioner Thybo shared that the committee also wonders if the courts should have them for free so they can make them available to pro se defendants.

Mark Gifford suggested getting five minutes on the judges' conference agendas to raise this issue so we can get a sense as to whether or not we think the judges think this is a significant issue. Commissioner Wilde shared that if the pro se defendants understood the process well enough to know they need jury instructions, they will find them. However, he liked the idea of going to talk to the judges about it.

Executive Director Wilkinson suggested contacting Judge Day and Judge Christiansen, chairs of their respective conferences, to start the discussion about where the courts stand on this issue. All were in agreement.

License Fee Stabilization and Reduction Fund

President Graham shared that he is interested in trying to anticipate and mitigate the Bar's next license fee increase. In looking at the history, he noted that the Bar has experienced an increase every six years or so. In looking ahead, President Graham is proposing a fund to use some of the Bar's money now to draw off of instead of raising license fees. He shared a list of savings accounts the Bar has. He proposed cashing out four accounts with the low interest

rates and transferring the money over to the Wyoming Government Investment Fund (WGIF). He shared that he has had discussions with Joan Evans, First Vice President, and she indicated that WGIF always has higher interest rates than average banks. The fund is currently at 2.13%, which is higher than any interest rate the Bar has been offered. President Graham recommended earmarking the fund for license fees. He distributed the history of the Bar's investments.

Vice President Addleman suggested putting this discussion on hold until the November meeting, as he wished to give this some more thought and include the entire board before a decision was made.

Mark Gifford shared that the Bar's investment policy is up for annual review by the Executive Committee. In light of this discussion, Mr. Gifford shared that he wished to review the investment policy and also talk to Mike Merback, the Bar's financial advisor, about the WGIF to get his take on it. He shared that it would be good to have a fixed income policy.

President Graham also suggested talking to Wayne Herr, the Bar's auditor, about this as well and asked Executive Director Wilkinson to include this on the November agenda.

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she has recently come to realize that Wyoming's inactive license fee is the second highest in the country—only Arizona's is higher. She encouraged the Board to possibly consider lowering that fee to be more in line with other jurisdictions. However, she noted that it was too late to change the fee this year, as the Bylaws require any change to the license fees be made by August 15th.

President's Report

President Graham shared that he attended the ALPS Bar Leaders' Retreat in Missoula, Montana, last month and thought it was a great gathering. He suggested as the staff and the Board fine-tune the strategic plan, consider using the abundant resources that ALPS has available. He also reported that he spoke at Judge Corpening's robing ceremony in Kemmerer as well as Judge Conder's in Lander.

President-Elect's Report

President-Elect Neville provided an overview of a discussion she had with Lindsay Hoyt, Assistant Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law, about the law school's 100th anniversary celebration in 2020.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Addleman shared that he is on the UW College of Law Dean's Advisory Board and it will be discussing the 2020 celebration as well. He also reported that Justice Fox and Justice Kautz asked him to join the Supreme Court's e-filing committee.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that the elections are taking place and the ballot will be accessible until August 30th. She encouraged the Board members to vote if they had not done so already.

Deputy Bar Counsel

In light of the Board's approval of the Strategic Plan, which included a provision to hire a Deputy Bar Counsel, Mark Gifford asked for approval to start the search for a part-time Deputy Bar Counsel.

Vice President Addleman made a motion to move forward with the Deputy Bar Counsel search. Treasurer Barbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reports

- *First Judicial District* – Commissioner McCorkle reported that she has not heard anything from constituents with any concerns.
- *Second Judicial District* – Commissioner Chavez was not present.
- *Third Judicial District* – Commissioner Thybo reported that her district is pleased to have Judge Corpening as their newest judge.
- *Fourth Judicial District* – no report
- *Fifth Judicial District* – Commissioner Kath was not present.
- *Sixth Judicial District* – Commissioner Edwards was not present for this portion of the meeting.
- *Seventh Judicial District* – Commissioner Chapin was not present for this portion of the meeting.
- *Eighth Judicial District* – Commissioner Wilde reported that they will have Judge Hibben's robing ceremony in Torrington next week.
- *Ninth Judicial District* – Commissioner Whiting was not present.

Board/Committee Liaison Reports

- *Bench-Bar Relations Committee* – Commissioner McCorkle reported that the committee has been completely inactive. She shared that she will contact Judge Overfield, who is a member of the committee.
- *Civil Pattern Jury Instructions Committee* – Commissioner McCorkle reported that the committee is working on drafting many new instructions. They are to have drafts to the committee at the end of the month prior to a September meeting. She shared that Judge Kricken, Chair, really tries to move things along. She expects that she will have a substantial report at the November meeting.
- *Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee* – Commissioner Thybo reported that the committee continues to work on instructions based on statutes that have changed.

- *Diversity & Inclusion Committee* – no report
- *Law School Liaison Committee* – no report
- *Legislative Developments Committee* – no report

President Weston T. Graham adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Minutes Submitted by:

Sharon Wilkinson
Executive Director