

**Whatcom County Bar Association
December 6, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

- I. Genissa called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.
- II. Judicial Officers Present for the meeting: Judge McCandlis and Judge Anderson.
- III. Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously, with one abstention.
- IV. No treasurer report but WCBA has about \$30,060.
- V. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Dominique Zervas introduced her guest.
 - b. Jonathan Charnitski has moved up from Austin, Texas and has opened the Washington branch of his Texas firm.
 - c. Miles Martin, a new attorney from Faber Fairchild McCurdy introduced himself.
- VI. Congrats to Heidi Bode on becoming Law Advocates Executive Director. Introduced Piper Tolbert.
 - a. Forty-Eight (48) volunteer attorneys.
 - b. Handling over 500 cases.
- VII. Mike Martucci presented. Mike is the board chair for the Law Advocates Board of Directors.
 - a. Mike spoke about the extreme need in our community for the need for WCBA to be more involved with Law Advocates.
 - b. Mike motioned for a \$10,000 donation from the WCBA. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
- VIII. Genissa announced upcoming events:
 - a. January - Water Adjudication CLE.
 - b. February - Law Advocates meeting.
 - c. March – WSBA President in town.
 - d. April 16 – Court of Appeals at WWU.

- IX. Judge Jones spearheaded courthouse art project.
- X. Genissa has built out a new website!
- XI. Genissa made a motion to form a Water Law Committee. Motion passed unanimously. WCBA Committee will be subject to WCBA approval.
- XII. Genissa proposed the following slate of officers who were approved unanimously by the WCBA Membership:


Adam Engst – President
 Ian McCurdy – Vice President
 Caroline Whitener – Secretary
 Jacob Holland – Treasurer

- XIII. Genissa motioned to expand WCBA membership to:
 - a. Law school graduates.
 - b. Law students.
 - c. APR 6 law clerks.

Motion passed unanimously.





- XIV. Mike Heatherly – new Bar Journal publisher solicited articles/submission.
- XV. Genissa ended the formal program at 12:46 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted December 18, 2023.



 Ian P. McCurdy, 2023 WCBA Secretary

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	Adam Engst	Vice President	01 / 03 / 2024
	Ian McCurdy	Secretary	01 / 03 / 2024
	Caroline Whitener	2023 Treasurer	01 / 03 / 2024

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