



# Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

Washington State Bar Association  
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## Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Noon – 1:30 p.m. March 25, 2011

### WSBA Offices

Check the [Executive Committee page](#) for other recent documents and background materials.

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### 1) Introductions/Roll Call

### 2) Minutes

- [December 2010](#)
- [January 2011](#)
- [February 2011](#)
- [Planning Retreat March 5, 2011](#)

### 3) Information

- [Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference](#). Fundraising: \$15,300 raised (a 30% increase over \$11,750 raised in 2010).

### 4) Consent Agenda

#### a) **Bylaws Amendments: Mission Statement**

At our Planning Retreat Second Day (March 5) we revisited the discussion we had in November's planning retreat, clarified to whom are education efforts are directed, and with this change reaffirmed our section's Mission Statement. These two motions were approved, but without proper notice as required by our bylaws. Proper notice has now been made, so they are placed on the consent agenda so we can affirm our previous decisions to adopt them.

**i) 201103-01: Motion to Amend the Section Mission Statement:**

**To amend the ADR Section's Mission Statement to read:**

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Washington State Bar Association (~~hereinafter referred to as "Association"~~) promotes the informed use and best practices of alternative dispute resolution processes by providing resources; educating members of the bar and the public; and addressing issues relating to the growth and development of alternative dispute resolution services in the State of Washington.

**ii) 201103-02: Motion to Amend Bylaws**

**To amend the Section bylaws by removing Article II, *Mission*; to make formatting changes to reflect this change; for this amendment to be conveyed to the Board of Governors for approval before the end of the current term (FY 2011).**

As discussed, we wanted to remove the Mission Statement from the bylaws so we don't have to amend the bylaws again to revise our Mission Statement. Not requiring it to go to the BOG for approval immediately allows us to review the bylaws for any other amendments we might want to make and then forward them as a group to the BOG for approval before the end of the current term.

**b) 201103-05: Adoption of Executive Committee Members Terms**

**Motion: to officially adopt the *Start of Service* and *End of Current Term* dates for the existing Executive Committee members and officers as shown on the [Executive Committee](#) page.**

Our minutes do not always reflect the dates when we as Executive Committee members and officers started our current terms or when they end. For purposes of determining when members' terms are finished, and when our new term limits provision may apply, we need to have these dates officially-determined and known.

**c) 201103-06: Retire the Deskbook Committee**

**Motion: to officially disband the Deskbook Committee as a standing committee of the Section, and to extend the Executive Committee's appreciation to all the Deskbook Committee chairs and members.**

They all worked diligently coming to the extremely valuable conclusion that we should not undertake a printed, published deskbook at this time. Thank you, All!

## **5) Modifications to Agenda**

## **6) Administrative Reports**

a) **Chair:** Review [Annual Workplan](#)

b) **Treasurer:** See [January Financial Summary](#).

c) **Membership.** 312 members as of March 2, 2011, up 15 from January's 297. 301 members and 11 subscribers (not WSBA members).

d) **Report on Interim E-Votes:** none

## **7) Business & Committee Reports**

- a) **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Jeff (Report)  
Slate of officers for FY 2012 to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.
- b) **Status Update on Annual Meeting at the Conference** – Rina (Report)
- c) **201102-2/3: ABA Advanced Mediation Program** – Rina (Report)  
See [Proposal](#) discussion.
- d) **Strategic Planning: Implementing Strategic Objectives** (Discussion/Action)  
At our retreat we prioritized our preferred Strategic Objectives. See the [FY 2011 Strategic Planning](#) discussion and [Minutes of March 5, 2011, Planning Retreat](#).
  - i) Our Strategic Objectives:
    - (1) Website
    - (2) Blog
    - (3) CLE
    - (4) Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference
    - (5) Focus/Listening Groups
    - (6) Committees
  - ii) Scheduling/Planning our Policy Decisions on our Strategic Objectives.
- e) **Website/Newsletter Committees**
  - i) Combine & Rename (Action)
  - ii) Policy Directives to the Committee re Strategic Objectives (Discussion)

## **8) Adjourn (2:00 pm)**