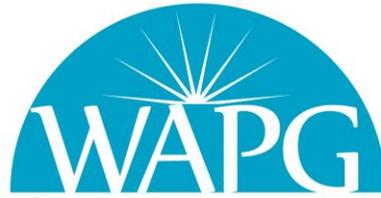


Public Comment on Continuing Education
Proposal



Washington Association of Professional Guardians

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Certified Professional Guardianship Board
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RE: Comment on proposal to increase Continuing Education Offerings for Certified Professional Guardians.

WAPG recommends:

- Increase the current flat fee registration/course approval fees to cover administrative costs.
- Eliminate sponsorship fees when no registration fee is charged.
- Alternatively, consider a tier of flat fees:
 - Charge a higher administration fee for entities that present a subject matter focus which addresses the broad range of legal, medical, and ethical issues inherent in guardianship practice (classes sponsored by Bar Associations, WAPG, and Bridge Builders, for example);
 - Establish a lower cost option for courses which focus on a specialty element of guardianship practice the Board wishes to encourage; and
 - Offer a no cost option for those entities who are not charging a fee or for guardians who are applying for approval at attendance at relevant educational events in which CEU's are not being offered.

Reason for Recommendation:

The aim of increasing training offerings is a good one. We recognize there is a cost incurred in reviewing and approving courses. However, other than creating incentives for increasing the number of educational offerings, our

organization believes that the purpose of a public agency charging a fee should be to recoup administrative costs. We do not see value in creating a more complicated fee system to replace one that is already working reasonably well.

Thank You,

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