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Re: Amendment to GR23

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Washington State Supreme Court

To the Clerk of Washington Supreme Court,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion re: proposed Amendment to GR23.

I am in full support of both of the amendments suggested by fellow guardian, Deborah Jameson to GR23.

#1 Suggested Amendment to GR23 regarding representation of Guardians on the Board.

I appreciate the professional oversight by all professions currently represented on the Board. Thank you for your commitment and openness to amending GR23.

I am also a proponent of adding additional guardians to the Board.

I feel strongly about this, as there is a reality to this very intense work that is often only understood by those doing the work.

It is imperative to this profession that guardians be represented more fully, and that those who review a guardian's work, have an in depth understanding of the duties, and challenges that guardian's experience.

I don't know of many professions that have such an imbalance in professional representation on their Boards.

I believe that the time has come to increase the number of guardians present on the Board.

#2 Suggested Amendment to GR23 regarding Open Public Meeting Act/Public Hearings
Overview of Public Meeting Act 42.30 RCW

The Washington Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), codified in <u>chapter 42.30 RCW</u>, requires that all meetings of governing bodies of public agencies, including cities, counties, and special purpose districts, be open to the public.

I am in agreement with fellow guardian, Deborah Jameson, that the Board's discussions should be in public unless there is some confidentiality required (as is true of applications and disciplinary matters).

It is important to allow stakeholders the opportunity for mutual dialogue about the issues that potentially impact them. It is my belief that as a public agency, the CPG Board is subject to the Open Public Meeting Act.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinions.

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