

Northwest Montana Estate Planning Council
Member Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Basement Meeting Room, National Parks Realty, Whitefish, Montana

Members Present:	Aaron Ells, Connie Page, Grant Snell, Kelly O'Brien, Addison Vergara, Craig Woods, Deborah Pearson, Bryson Pelc, Johanna Pickel, Marija Berney, Michelle Clary, Forrest Alexander, Bridger Dolan, David Wiggington
Guests:	Joanna Galbraith, Nichole Bebee

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Conclusions/Actions/ Recommendations/ Motions</i>	<i>Follow Up</i>
Opening Remarks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Aaron Ells opened the meeting. 2. Members and guests introduced themselves 3. The President explained the proposed changes to the Bylaws and all members were provided copies of the proposed changes which will be voted on at the November meeting. 4. The President explained 2025 speaker sponsorship opportunities and possible speakers for 2025. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote on Bylaw amendments at November 2024 meeting.
Secretary Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New member Scott Maitland was recognized. 2. Secretary Grant Snell presented the March and May 2024 meeting minutes for review and approval by the Members. 3. The Secretary explained that the Bylaws provide for a membership committee to review potential member applications. While the organization will hopefully be large enough at some point to have a membership committee, at this point having the executive committee act as the membership committee was most efficient. The membership just need to approve this formally. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A motion was made by Michelle Clary to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Marija Berney; the motion passed unanimously. 2. A motion was made by Addison Vergara to make the executive committee the membership committee; the motion was seconded by Marija Berney; the motion passed unanimously. 	
Treasurer Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treasurer Bryson Pelc explained that he will present a proposed budget for 2025 at the November 2024 meeting. 		

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Sponsor Recognition	1. Connie Page discussed her real estate services provided through National Park Realty as the meeting sponsor.		
Speaker	1. Michelle Clary and Aaron Ells spoke about their financial advising process with Piton Wealth and specifically advising widows.		
Adjourn	1. The meeting was adjourned.		

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