**MSBA HRC Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2016**

Members in attendance:

* Tara Kalar
* Liz Meske
* Sonja Peterson
* Margaret Erickson
* Colleen Walbran
* Tiana O’Konek

Others Present:

* Remote Presenter: Joe Kaczrowski

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Higher Logic Demo
   1. Joe provided an overview of Higher Logic (new online platform for HRC)\*
      1. Discussion Forum – replaces listserv
      2. Shared Files – committee members can create and manage a library of HRC resources
      3. Members
      4. Events

\*Presentation was cut short do to audio issues; Joe followed up with email.

* + 1. Ti will send out last listserv email soon

1. Intro to HRC
   1. Status of Membership
      1. HRC currently has 10 voting members as well as additional non-voting members who want to receive committee updates/ materials (TK)
      2. Need to get to 15 members (TK)
   2. Bylaws
      1. HRC members should review bylaws (TK)
2. Old Business
   1. ABA Resolution
      1. should be updated later today (SP)
         1. SP will check and keep HRC updated
3. New Business
   1. Goals
      1. Increase membership (TK)
         1. shift focus from HRC membership being a task/chore to being an honor/privilege (TK)
         2. get law students involved (LM)
            1. dovetails with MSBA initiative to increase law student involvement (TO)
            2. law students can be voting members (TO)
            3. law student “liaisons” for human rights-oriented student organizations (LM)

Liz will contact law schools

* + - * 1. More valuable for law students if they felt like they can contribute (TO)
        2. Pro Bono or CLE-like requirements for law students? (ME)

Liz to check

HRC could potentially facilitate community service opportunity (LM)

* + - 1. send out recruiting email with work plan attached to other section chairs, affinity bar associations, RCBA, HCBA (TO)
         1. ask member applicants for a short statement of interest
         2. Tara to send email to Ti who will forward on
    1. Events
       1. Local, National and International (TK)
    2. Diversity Goal
       1. need to finalize HRC’s goal for diversity and inclusion
  1. 2016-2017 Bar Year Work Plan
     1. Tara put together work plan which was appreciated and very well received by other members
     2. Incorporates goals
     3. Meetings and events to be held at different locations this year (law schools)
     4. Ellen Kennedy sent World Without Genocide’s lecture series for Fall 2016
        1. Motion to co-sponsor lecture series (SP)
        2. Seconded (LM)
        3. Unanimous vote in favor
  2. Legislative Initiatives
     1. Important Dates (TO)
        1. 9/30/16 legislative committee is meeting and inviting other sections and committees to attend
        2. 10/21/16 – legislative proposals due to legislative committee
     2. Ti sent out MSBA legislative committee chart (TO)
  3. Open HRC Positions
     1. Secretary – Liz
     2. Diversity and Inclusion Liason – Sonja
        1. Ti gave brief overview of position and required commitment (TO)
           1. Liaison will serve as the point person for integrating diversity and inclusion into HRC’s work
           2. needs to attend initial meeting plus quarterly meetings
  4. Margaret offered a reminder to vote in primary election on 8/9 (ME)
  5. Margaret suggested starting meetings a few minutes later if they are not going to last the full hour

1. Diversity Update
   1. Strategic plan approved in May (TO)
   2. Event on 8/11 Update (TO)
      1. lots of interest; changed venue to accommodate 120 live participants
      2. HRC members interested should register for overflow room at St. Thomas
   3. Demographic Data Update (TO)
      1. big push to have MSBA members fill out profile data
      2. Ti will give HRC members demo on how to do this at future meeting
2. Upcoming meetings and events
   1. Next MSBA HRC meeting:

September 12, 2016

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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1. Adjourn
   1. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.