**MSBA HRC Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2016**

In attendance:

* Tara Kalar
* Liz Meske
* Sonja Peterson
* Evan Wilson
* Leah Durland
* Johnathan Estes
* Alison Schmidt
* Tiana O’Konek
* Kamal Ali
* Ellen Kennedy
* Emily Grobelny

MEETING AGENDA

\*Note: October 10th meeting took place at Mitchell Hamline following a successful CLE event on Tribal and Federal Law on Indian Reservations.

1. Introductions
2. New Business
	1. Update on partnership with MDHR
		1. Liz and Tara met with Nicholas Kor of the MDHR to discuss opportunities for partnership and collaboration. Meeting was fruitful and MDHR seems interested in building a meaningful partnership
		2. Commissioner Lindsey agreed to speak at HRC’s upcoming brown bag series in December and is also recommending someone from US Attorney Luger’s office to speak with us as well
		3. MDHR is hosting a symposium on HR on December 8 and there may be opportunities for HRC members to present and collaborate on sessions
	2. Update on partnership with U of M Law School Human Rights Center
		1. Tara and Tiana met with HR Center staff
		2. Potential opportunities for HRC to get involved in advocacy issues that the HR Center is working on
	3. Student Liaison Statements
		1. Statements of Interest from 2 UMN Law School students and 1 St. Thomas Law School student were reviewed and discussed
		2. Motions
			1. Admission of Daniel Dosch as a student liaison member moved by Liz; seconded by Tara; committee voted unanimously in favor
			2. Admission of Kamal Ali and Shirin Johnson moved by Tara; seconded by Liz; committee voted unanimously in favor
		3. Liz will continue to reach out to Mitchell Hamline student orgs and keep committee apprised of additional applicants
			1. Liz noted that several students have expressed interest but have scheduling conflicts; these students may want to get involved next semester or next year when schedules shift
	4. Potential advocacy opportunity: Rape Kit Testing
		1. discussion of authoring article, op ed, complete research, and creating handouts
		2. Ellen noted that a WWG intern is already looking into federal grants and specific laws that have been implemented in other states
		3. WWG will provide HRC with materials at November 14 meeting
		4. Nov. 14 CLE with Bioethicist, Dr. Steven Miles
			1. CLE credit to be applied for
			2. event will be open to the public
	5. Potential advocacy opportunity: Human Trafficking
		1. Tara pitched committee involvement in highlighting human trafficking issues
			1. Relevant for HRC because
				1. FBI has recognized MN a hotspot for human trafficking
				2. Super Bowl will be held in Minneapolis in 2018
		2. potential partnerships discussed
			1. Governor task forces and committees
			2. Dept. of HR
			3. Dept. of Ed.
			4. Dept. of Homeland Security (blue light campaign)
			5. Gender Justice (Sonja to contact)
			6. Women’s Consortium
			7. FBI
			8. Andrew Luger’s office
			9. City of St. Paul PD (have federal grant dedicated to human trafficking)
		3. committee could bring issue to attention of the Bar and put a resolution before the MSBA General Assembly
		4. Evan inquired about related upcoming legislation
			1. safe harbor legislation was the last related law to pass in MN
			2. research could be done to see if other states have passed effective legislation that deals with prevention *and* prosecution
			3. Ellen discussed idea of a MN Dept. of Ed initiative to mandate awareness in classrooms
3. Old Business
	1. 2016-17 Bar Year Work Plan
		1. Ideas for future events
			1. refugee issues
			2. human trafficking
4. Legislative Initiatives
	1. put together ideas for beginning of next Bar Year
5. Diversity update
	1. finalized tool kit
		1. goal is to empower diversity liaisons to take concrete action to make MSBA more inclusive
		2. there will be a diversity training in November
6. Upcoming meetings and events
	1. Next HRC meeting - 11:30am on November 14, 2016, CLE begins at 12:00pm at University of Minnesota Law School, Mondale Hall, Room 5
7. Other
	1. approval of committee minutes to be added to future agendas
	2. Liz to post proposed minutes on HRC community page
8. Meeting adjourned