

**MSBA ADR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 6, 2011 (8:00 a.m.)**

Attendance: Tamara Patton (MSBA Section Liaison), Patrick Burns, Dan Simon, Dave Allgeyer, Marilyn McKnight, Andrew Birkeland (late arrival);

By telephone: Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Elise Peterson, Madge Thorsen, Jeff Ansel

Absent: Louis Robards, Gregory Bistram, Steve Schemenauer, John Schulz, Roger Kramer

**1. Announcements.**

- Section Council meetings are first Thursday of every month at 8am.
- Section meeting/CLEs are the second Tuesday of every month at noon.
- Annual Law School Student Mixer Networking Event: 11/9/11 MSBA Atrium 5:30-7:00pm

**2. Treasurer Report.** By Dan Simon. Current balance is \$11,712. This is consistent with past years at this time

**3. Secretary Report.** By Linda Mealey-Lohmann. Andrew moved to approve September council meeting minutes, Marilyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Other Business - Discussions.**

- Discussed whether we should continue with monthly section meetings. Consensus was to continue meeting monthly.
- Patrick suggested possibility of a “Chair’s Theme” each year to give direction to CLE presentations.
- Discussed that Vice-Chairs could be more active to create presentations and possibly co-sponsor with related MSBA section. Reminder that the Employment & Labor Section is interested in co-sponsoring future events.
- Decided that each Vice-Chair form a committee to generate ideas for future projects / presentations to be implemented by the committee or the section. Tamara will send email to members with description of committees and ask members to express interest in joining committee.
- Discussed working on Student Practice Rule 3 or 4. Linda will circulate past documents and council will determine how to proceed (narrow student rule or broader ADR rule?). Leo Stern may be willing to take the lead on this.
- Discussed provision in Bylaws allowing past chair [Madge Thorsen now] to attend a national conference (ABA ADR or ACR annual conference?). Patrick asked whether MN CLE or MSBA ADR section would pay for some costs.

**5. MSBA ADR CLEs.**

- “Can the Political Difference in the MN Legislature Be Mediated?” is set for October 11 at St. Thomas University School of Law. Marilyn asked for blank cards so attendees could write questions. Send any discussion questions to Marilyn immediately. Tamara will send reminder about location change to

- members and will decide whether to send notice to other MSBA sections. Patrick will look into sending notice to Law School ADR Societies and ADR professors.
- November topic is undecided (“Judge Judy”?) to be held at William Mitchell College of Law. Patrick, Linda, and Andrew will make arrangements [4 or 5:00? do pizza reception (wine & beer?)]; ask ADR members to volunteer to talk informally about how they incorporate ADR in their practice; Invite all law schools if WMCL approves

7. **New Business** – no new business.

8. Adjourn at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Secretary  
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