

**MSBA ADR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 3, 2011 (8:00 a.m.)**

Attendance:

- In Person: Tamara Patton (MSBA Section Liaison), Marilyn McKnight, Gregory Bistram, Jeff Ansel, Andrew Birkeland
- By telephone: Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Patrick Burns, Steve Schemenauer, Madge Thorsen, Elise Peterson,
- Absent: Louis Robards, John Schulz, Roger Kramer, Dan Simon, Dave Allgeyer

1. **Announcements.**

- MSBA ADR Section's Annual Happy Hour Law School Reception for all 4 Law Schools: 11/8 4:00-5:30 pm at William Mitchell College of Law (The Conservatory) [only 12 registrations so far]
- MSBA Law School Student Mixer Networking Event: 11/9/11 MSBA Atrium 5:30-7:00pm
- Section Council meetings are first Thursday of every month at 8am.
- Section meeting/CLEs are the second Tuesday of every month at noon.

2. **Treasurer Report.** Submitted by Dan Simon via email. Ending balance including investments as of 7-1-2011 is \$11,672.88. 8 new members; current members are 378.

3. **Secretary Report.** By Linda Mealey-Lohmann. October minutes will be approved at December meeting.

4. **Other Business - Discussions.**

- Discussed that inactive members' mediator bios should be deleted from Select ADR.
- Debriefed October ADR CLE at St. Thomas. Consensus was that the event planning team at St. Thomas was not effective; Elise reported that students did not know about event; location was not easy; speakers and Marilyn did a great job.
- Discussed that we will mute all listeners for first 45 minutes and unmute for last 15 minutes for ADR CLEs.
- Discussed grant proposals due 11/15; no proposals received yet. Entire council will review proposals and rank top 3 and then meet in person on December 1 (Thursday) for 2 hours (@8-10am) to discuss and decide. Reminder to send out description of grant program with copies of proposals to aid council members' decision-making.
- Update re ADR Institute. 30 fewer people than 2010, but not noticeable. Very jam-packed with good speakers. Complaints about too much arbitration, too little mediation. Good response to Saturday program and speaker. MN CLE approved additional .5 credit for noon presentation by Linda Mealey-Lohmann and Leslie Sinner McEvoy.
- Follow-up re each Vice-Chair to form a committee to generate ideas for future projects / presentations to be implemented by the committee or the section. Discussed whether Tamara will send email to members with description of

committees and ask members to express interest in joining committee; purpose is to enhance benefits of membership, but some concern that it would splinter members. Discussed idea of doing survey about what areas of law members work in.

5. **MSBA ADR CLEs.**

- December Topic is “Death of Arbitration,” by Tom Fraser from Fredrikson, organized by Jeff Ansel.
- January topic is “Redo of Rule 114 & ADR Certification” - Dan Simon is organizing.
- Get Tamara details for January through March for ADR CLEs. Note that we need a different location for February meeting because room is booked. Tamara will check on how that happened.

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

7. Adjourn at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Secretary  
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