

MSBA ADR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2011 (8:00 a.m.)

Attendance:

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

1. Announcements.

- The Board of Directors of the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is awarding the A. M. “Sandy” Keith Alternative Dispute Resolution Award to the ADR Section of the Minnesota State Bar Association. 12/4/11 at Cedarhurst Mansion, Cottage Grove.
- 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. By Dan Simon. Ending balance including investments as of 10/31/11 is \$11,881.88. 380 members.

3. Secretary Report. By Linda Mealey-Lohmann. October and November minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Other Business - Discussions.

- Report on MSBA Assembly by Madge Thorsen, section liaison. LAD report on emeritus lawyer status for retired lawyers who want to practice pro bono; recommendation they not have to meet CLE requirements; sent to Assembly for vote. Civil Gideon Report (entitlement to have counsel for certain civil matters – will be sent to the Assembly). Discussion on whether to ask section or council to direct liaison's vote and council decided not to do so unless a critical ADR issue were to arise.
- New Lawyers section wants a “Basics of ADR” session, perhaps a panel, for their section meeting on January 12, 2012, 4:30-5:30. Patrick Burns will organize.
- Report on MSBA ADR Section’s Annual Happy Hour Law School Reception for all 4 Law Schools on 11/8 4:00-5:30 pm at William Mitchell. Fun, but not well-attended. Had Hamline and WMCL students and some section members. Needs to be at a place and time that is easier for students. Consider a section happy hour for members and then invite law students next year.
- Report on MSBA Law School Student Mixer Networking Event: 11/9/11 MSBA Atrium 5:30-7:00pm. Good mix of lawyers and students; 53 students attended.
- **TO DO:** Patrick Burns will send “Update from Chair” to membership regarding award recipients (after 12/13/11) and reminder of the names of committees and contacts, SelectADR, ADR website, etc.
- **CONFIDENTIAL-NOT TO BE SHARED WITH THE PUBLIC:** Extended discussion about 8 grant applications submitted (Jeff Ansel sent his rankings via

email) and decided to award a total of \$7,000, as follows: \$3,000 to MACMP (super website), \$3,000 to CRC (Somali mediators), \$1,000 to Central MN Legal Services (outstate family mediation training). Voting members made appropriate conflict disclosures. Need section approval on 12/13/11 for increased grant dollar amount, then Patrick Burns will follow-up with phone calls and letters to applicants. ***Do not disclose this information to the public or grant awardees until after section approval.***

- Reminder to revise grant application to include, “Could you complete the project if you were awarded less than the full requested amount?”
- Discussed that we may want to increase grant amounts in future; one option is to look into “designated opt-in for grant programs” on membership renewal application.

5. **MSBA ADR CLEs.**

- December Topic is “Death of Arbitration: Commercial Matters,” by Tom Fraser from Fredrikson, organized by Jeff Ansel.
- January topic is “No-Violent Peace Force” with Mel Duncan.
- Discussed joint session with Family Law Section for February 14 (Valentine’s theme).
- March topic is “Redo of Rule 114 & ADR Certification” - Dan Simon is organizing.

6. **New Business.**

- Future agenda item – discuss whether section would like to sponsor a student ADR internship (another section sponsors an intern for \$3,000 through MJF).

7. Adjourn at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Secretary
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