

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL & RURAL LAW SECTION
MSBA Office
Wednesday, December 2, 2009 (11:30 a.m.)

1. Pursuant to notice previously given, Gary Hansen called the meeting to order.
2. Council members present included Gary Hansen, Chair; Mike Dove, Vice Chair; and Andrea Gievers. Assembly Delegate Jeff Streiffer participated by telephone. MSBA Staff Liaison Ashley Hacker was present, along with Vince O'Brien, Minnesota CLE, and Elizabeth Springsteen, National Agricultural Law Center.
3. Minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting of the Section Council were approved without objection.
4. Gary Hansen presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Jill Krueger. As of October 31, 2009, the Section had a balance of \$7,063.51. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
5. Jeff Streiffer provided an update on Assembly issues and activities.
6. Gary Hansen delivered the Chair's report, including the following:
 - a. Newsletter – Andrea Gievers requested articles for the next newsletter. The target date for publication is prior to the Agricultural and Rural Law Institute on April 7.
 - b. "9 Days in June" – The Section has proposed to the MSBA a Farmer-Lender Mediation update during "9 Days in June" on June 4 (location TBD), June 16 (Mankato), June 18 (Willmar), and June 22 (Rochester). The MSBA will survey interest in this topic at these locations.
 - c. CLE Program – A one-hour CLE on an energy-related topic is being developed jointly with the Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Section. Joe Thompson is coordinating with Stoel Rives associates on the offering for presentation in February.
7. Vince O'Brien, Minnesota CLE, reported on the 19th Annual Agricultural and Rural Law Institute scheduled for April 7, 2010, at the Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato. Presenters will include USDA Undersecretary Dallas Tonsager on rural development and the role of local legal practitioners; Elizabeth Springsteen, National Agricultural Law Center, addressing animal agriculture: confinement and identification; Bruce Kleven and Jeff Streiffer reporting on state and federal legislation; Mike Dove providing a case law update; Kurt Anderson and Brian Boysen addressing farm-related bankruptcy issues; Jeff Peterson presenting UCC developments/contract issues; Mary Nell Preisler discussing farmer-lender mediation; and Dan Gislason addressing alternative dispute resolution.

8. New Business – The next Section Council meeting will be in February in conjunction with the jointly-sponsored CLE with the Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Section.
9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hansen,
Acting Secretary