

MINUTES
AGRICULTURAL & RURAL LAW SECTION COUNCIL
MSBA Office
March 3, 2010 (7:30 A.M. Central Time)

Council Members Present: Gary Hansen, Chair
Mike Dove, Vice-Chair
Joe Thompson, Secretary
Brian Boysen
Ken Myers
Gary Petersen
Andrea Gievers
Jeff Streiffer

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1. Pursuant to due notice previously given, Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. central time.
 2. Minutes of the December 2, 2009, meeting were approved without objection.
 3. Gary Hansen reported that the Section had a balance of \$6,993.15 as of December 31, 2009. The report was accepted as presented.
 4. Jeff Streiffer delivered the assembly delegate's report, including the following:
 - a) Reserves came in at projected levels due to aggressive expense reductions.
 - b) Legislative matters remain a top priority, including:
 - i) taxing of legal services; and
 - ii) changes to general partnership benefits.
 - c) MNCCA has become a section of MSBA.
 5. Gary Hansen delivered the Chair's report, including the following:
 - a) 9 Days in June. The farmer mediation topic did not generate enough interest to be included in the June program. It will be a topic at the Institute (see item 6 below).
 - b) Section Membership. MSBA to send notice to increase section membership. This campaign will commence in mid-March 2010 and is fully supported by our Section.
 6. Gary provided an update on the 19th Annual Agricultural & Rural Law Institute. There are 20 registrations to date. Our registration goal is 45 to 50.
 7. Council/Officer Nominations. Gary provided a summary of term limits under Article 6 of the Section Bylaws. Following is the slate of Council candidates approved by the Council for nomination:

1-Year Term

Pat Costello
Gary Hansen
Jill Krueger

2-Year Term

Brian Boysen
Ken Myers
Jared Peterson

3-Year Term

Mike Dove
Chris Roe
Jeff Streiffer
Joe Thompson

Following is the slate of officer candidates approved by the Council:

Mike Dove, Chair
Joe Thompson, Vice Chair
Jill Krueger, Treasurer
Jeff Streiffer, Secretary

Assembly Appointments:

Gary Hansen, Section Representative
Brian Boysen, Alternate

8. There being no other business before the Section, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 a.m. The 1-hour CLE – Development of Renewable Energy Projects on Agricultural Land immediately followed the Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Joe Thompson, Secretary