

MSBA Communications Law Section Council Meeting
September 14, 2011 Minutes

Attending: Mike Bradley, Greg Mertz (participating by phone), Andy Carlson, Shannon Heim, Chris Sandberg, Michael Lewis, Tamara Patton

1. Welcome - Mike Bradley and Tamara Patton

2. Introductions

3. Reports – Officers

Mike Bradley attended MSBA Assembly meeting and was appointed to the Governance Committee.

Andy Carlson reported Section finances look decent. There is approximately \$2,800 balance in the account after expenses of the Forum.

4. New Business

A. Review Survey

The general consensus was positive regarding the survey. Many thanks to Tamara for putting it together.

Fourteen people provided valuable feedback for the Section leadership to consider. The group discussed how to engage the law student and young lawyer members of the Section. The survey indicated little interest in hosting an event at a law school. The group evaluated responses to plan upcoming CLEs.

B. CLE Planning

1. October

There is wide interest and support for a PUC Procedure CLE. The group decided to make that the first CLE of the season on October 12. Plans include inviting Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner Phyllis Reha and Assistant Attorney General Jeanne Cochran to speak.

2. November

Given the changing dynamics in the area of Net Neutrality, the group decided to choose that topic for the November CLE on November 9. Senator Franken has been very involved in this issue and the group will solicit him or a member of his staff to participate in the CLE.

3. December

The December CLE will combine with a happy hour to celebrate the season and provide a social opportunity for section members. Panel members will hopefully include Mike Ahern from Dorsey, Mike Martin from the Cable Association and perhaps a CenturyLink representative. Shannon is working with Dorsey to see if it could host the CLE/Happy Hour.

C. Quarterly Newsletter

Jessica Fischer is the editor of the e-newsletter. The group hopes to send it out in January. The group discussed the feasibility of doing a PUC update on a quarterly basis.

D. Annual Achievement Award

Mike introduced the idea of an Annual Achievement Award. The Award would recognize the service of someone in the industry. Selection would go through a formal nominating process. The intention is to give out the award at our June Forum. Tamara will provide the group with a template of the selection process.

E. Student/Young Lawyer Development

1. Communications Law Summary
2. Inclusion in Newsletter

The group talked about ways to engage young lawyers and provide them an opportunity to get involved in our area of the law. The group discussed creating a liaison position for a law student. We expect students seeking the position to submit a letter of interest.

F. Form Library

The group discussed creating a form library in cooperation with the PUC. Common motion practice documents could also be included. The group will investigate further and discuss.

5. Old Business

No old business.

6. Adjourn