

**MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of October 11, 2011, Meeting

Members in attendance: Kelly Jeanetta, Phyllis Karasov, Chuck Knapp, Mary Krakow, Jessica Looman, Mary Martin, Michael Moberg, Mark Pihart, Tom Trachsel, Craig Trepanier, and Howard Bolter.

Members not in attendance: Chris Jozwiak.

Other attendees: Elyse Farnsworth (MSBA) and Jessica Hofrichter (New Lawyers Section Liaison)

The meeting started at approximately 3:30 p.m.

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes from September 13, 2011 meeting were approved.
- II. Financial report.** Mr. Bolter reported that the Section's account balance was approximately \$25,011 as of the end of August 2011. No significant expenditures have been incurred since that time. The financial report was approved.
- III. Labor and Employment Certification.** Exam took place on October 1, 2011. Approximately 27 exam takers. Ms. Farnsworth reported that the Section will not need to fund this program for the 2011-2012 year as it is self supporting.
- IV. Important Upcoming Dates**
 - a. Quad Law School Reception:** November 9, 2011 in the MSBA atrium.
 - b. Labor Law Institute:** November 17, 2011.
- V. Section projects**

The following persons have been assigned to lead the following projects.

- A. Labor and employment publication:** No news.
- B. Practicelaw.org:** Ms. Martin reported no significant news.
- C. State court database:** Mr. Knapp reported that a meeting was taking place on October 11, 2011. The go-live date will be very soon.
- D. Section website:** Ms. Karasov reported the website needs some housekeeping updates and will be reviewing the site periodically.

- E. Labor and employment certification:** Mr. Bolter reported the October 1, 2011 test took place, exams being corrected. About 27 test takers. Ms. Farnsworth reported the certification reception will be April 19, 2011 at Minnekada Country Club.
- F. Law school outreach:** Ms. Jeanetta and Mr. Knapp reported the annual reception will be in early February, 2012. Location: Titanic Room at Kieran's Pub in Mpls. Council approved 10 \$25 scholarships for law students for the fall Labor & Employment Institute.
- G. Speakers' bureau:** Ms. Looman and Mr. Trepanier discussed updating website for speakers and marketing for speakers.
- H. MSBA Assembly:** Mr. Pihart reported no news. Mr. Pihart will be joining a committee.
- I. State Labor and Employment Law Legislation Tracking:** Ms. Krakow reported no new news.
- J. Contribution Requests:** Mr. Pihart reported no news.

VI. Section Programs

The following persons have been assigned to lead the following programs.

- A. Fall Labor & Employment Law Institute:** Mr. Moberg reported date of Institute and speakers Lafe Solomon and Victoria Lipnik.
- B. Spring Employment Law Institute:** Mr. Bolter reported no news.
- C. Miscellaneous CLE Programs:** Mr. Trepanier reported on 2 interested speakers. Further discussion on this topic set for next meeting.
- D. Enforcement Agency Trainings:** Mr. Jozwiak and Ms. Looman. No news.
- E. Greater Minnesota CLE/Outreach:** Ms. Martina and Ms. Jeanetta. No news.
- F. Mid-Winter luncheon:** Mr. Knapp and Mr. Moberg. Tentatively Third Thursday in March.
- G. Annual Dinner:** Mr. Trachsel, Mr. Pihart and Ms. Karasov

VII. Section liaisons.

- A. **NLRB:** Ms. Karasov. No news.
- B. **MN DOLI/DOL:** Ms. Looman reported a memo of understanding was signed between MN DOLI and DOL.
- C. **EEOC:** Ms. Jeanetta No news.
- D. **MDHR/City Agencies:** Mr. Bolter. No news.
- E. **Bureau of Mediation Services:** Mr. Trachsel. No news

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. **Survey.** The survey will be finalized and distributed before next meeting for discussion and next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.