



NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2009

Members Present: Lacey Anderson, Michael Miller, Sam Edmunds, Charlie Delbridge, Todd Schenk, Christina Weber, Mike Goodwin, Sitso Bediako, Larry McGee, Kathy Harrell-Latham, Erbayne W. Jarvis, Ravel Evenson, Jason Young, Mathew Bulander, Evan Weiner, Carena Crowell-Chambers, Margie Meier.

Guests Present: Ashley Hacker.

I. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order at 5:40 p.m. at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Lacey Anderson.
- B. Each member and guest introduced herself or himself.
- C. The minutes of the November, 2009, meeting were presented and approved without objection.

II. New Business

- A. Budget. Treasurer Charlie Delbridge reported that the Section sought a supplemental budget request of \$300, which was presented to the MSBA operations committee by Sam Edmunds. The operations committee approved the request so it will now be forwarded to the MSBA Assembly. Charlie moved to formally ratify the officers' actions in submitting the supplemental budget request. Seconded by Mike M. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- B. Two William Mitchell students were present to discuss the William Mitchell law student / new lawyer networking event, which is to be held at a downtown hotel later this winter. The event will provide an opportunity for students to network with twin cities attorneys, outside of the school setting. Last year, NLS provided \$200. \$100 was provided in 2008. The events have been successful in years past with over 100 attendees last year. Charlie moved to approve allocation of \$200 to support this event, Larry seconded, passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- C. Social. Lacey reported on the successful Winter Social at Nami on December 4. Chanel will have final numbers at the January meeting.

- D. Outreach. Todd Schenk, Outreach Committee Chair, reported that NLS now has a presence on Twitter. Visit www.twitter.com/msbanewlawyers. NLS will soon also be on Facebook. Search for “Facebook New Lawyers.” Todd will be the moderator. Lacey has been forming contacts at the four local law schools to develop events at law schools or encourage students to come to our meetings and events.
- E. Community Service. Written report provided by Jessica Slattery Karich summarized by Sam Edmunds. The written report is attached below as Attachment 1.
- F. CLE. Margie reported on today’s CLE, which was on in-house counsel. The speaker was an attorney from Piper Jaffrey. The January educational event will be provided by Tom Haunty, an expert financial planner that specializes in working with lawyers. The CLE planned for February will be provided by Dedre Vanest, a career coach. She’ll discuss how to get clients, business development, etc. This CLE was done before by the practice mgmt section and was recommended to us.

Lacey wonders whether Tom Haunty will sponsor a happy hour after the January meeting. No one is sure... We can only hope.

G. ABAYLD.

Orlando. Three statements of interest were received from Sam, Jessica, and Sitso. Motion to approve these three attendees as recommended by the officers. Motion by Christina, seconded by Charlie. Passes.

Mike requested that he be a delegate even though he’s not receiving funding from NLS – no problem. Sam inquired into whether the two HCBA NLS representatives are signed up to be delegates.

St. Thomas. The UPDATED statement of interest deadline is February 15. NLS should be able to send five or six representatives to this conference.

The ABA annual will take place this summer in San Francisco.

- H. Hearsay. This year’s first edition will come out tomorrow or early next week. Call for authors for the winter edition is planned for the same time. January 18 will be the submission deadline. The fall edition includes six articles ranging from fee waivers to plain English writing.
- I. Bylaws. Sam discussed why the bylaws are back again for consideration. The version presented today is what was passed in November with a couple more changes. Lacey commended Sam and Charlie for their work on the bylaws. Sam explained how NLS gets its representatives on the

MSBA Assembly and Council. The bylaws will be sent to the entire section with the January meeting notice and will be again brought forward for approval at the January meeting. If approved, the bylaws will be brought before the MSBA Assembly for consideration in April.

- J. Lacee reported that a Law Student Panel will take place on February 2 at the CLE center. There will be four attorneys, one from each law school. Still looking for volunteers from Hamline and the University of Minnesota.

III. Reports

A. Officer Reports:

1. Secretary (Sam Edmunds): no further report.
2. Treasurer (Charlie Delbridge): gave budget report earlier in the meeting. No other report.
3. Vice Chair (Christina Weber): no further report.
4. Chair (Lacee Anderson):
 - Lacee read the MSBA statement regarding Aaron Biber verbatim. Duties of treasurer will be performed by other MSBA members and staff.
 - Legal assistance to the disadvantaged wants to partner with NLS to provide pro bono services to those in need. They are trying to partner with NLS, bankruptcy section, and family law section. A meeting is coming up soon.
 - Lacee reported that the law student section may be dissolved because nobody participates and its budget goes unused. Sam suggested that NLS support this proposal in the operations or governance committees and ask that the LSS budget be apportioned to NLS. Lacee will follow up.

B. Liaison Reports:

- a. Mike reported that the legislative committee met a couple of days prior and reviewed 14 statements from sections regarding legislative proposals. The Assembly approved approximately ten of them. The uniform collaborative law initiative proposal was postponed because of significant opposition.

- b. Larry reported that the arts and entertainment section discussed social networking and intellectual property issues. Larry discovered that advertising accounts for 20% of sales, while social networking accounts for 80%. Record companies and movie studios are going out of business due to lost royalties.
 - c. Todd reported that the computer and technology law section held its meeting and hosted a CLE last week. A presentation was given on the top computer and technology cases of the year. Todd thought the program was not boring but instead very interesting. The section's next meeting will take place on January 12 and will include a CLE on contract law as it relates to computers and technology.
 - d. The elder law section meets tomorrow.
- B. ABA representative report: Mike reported that the uniform collaborative law initiative will be discussed at February House of Delegates meeting. The YLD may also discuss the proposal.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without opposition.

ATTACHMENT 1

MSBA NLS Meeting December 17, 2010 Community Service Summary

- Thanks to everyone who attended the Tri-Bar Social and made donations to toys for tots—(Chanel Social Chair can likely provide a more comprehensive update).
- Thanks to everyone who has contributed gently used coats, hats, scarves, and mittens for the Bundle Up program. These items will be delivered to the Lewis House in Eagan before the next MSBA NLS Meeting.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the Santa Run to benefit Legal Aid on December 4. It was a mile and a fourth down Nicollet Mall beginning at the YWCA. Although a cold evening, the Santa Run was a success and raised much-needed funds for legal aid of Minnesota.
- Please keep Legal Aid in mind for your charitable donations this holiday season. Statistics show that 80% of the civil legal needs of those at or below the poverty line remain unfulfilled. Legal Aid offices have faced dramatic cuts in funding and are forced to turn away 8 out of every 10 indigent persons seeking legal services from their offices. Legal Aid received only around \$390 million in funding last year for the entire country's population of indigent persons facing the loss of fundamental rights such as child custody, housing, freedom from domestic abuse—for some perspective this is slightly more than the Yankees' payroll.
- Upcoming Events:
 - o The Feed My Starving Children Group event will take place on Thursday, April 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Eagan, Minnesota facility. Mark your calendars! If you are interested in participating please email jslattery@stthomas.edu before the end of December.
 - o The Polar Bear Plunge in Maple Grove to benefit the Special Olympics is Saturday February 6, we will discuss getting a team together at the January MSBA NLS meeting.
- Happy Holidays!