



## NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2010

**Members Present:** Lacey Anderson, Jennifer Daugherty, Michael Miller, Sam Edmunds, Charlie Delbridge, Christina Weber, Jessica Slattery Karich, Sitso Bediako, Erika Donner, Margie Meier, Larry McGee, Jennifer Lurken, Shanda Pearson, Julie Nagorski, Jaimie Palmer, Anna Horning Nygren, Kyle Lewis, Chanel Melin, Evan Weiner.

**Guests Present:** Ashley Hacker.

### I. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order at 5:55 p.m. at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Chair Lacey Anderson.
- B. Motion to approve the January meeting minutes passed unanimously.

### II. New Business

A. ABA YLD District Representative presentation by former District Representative Jennifer Daugherty. It is time for Minnesota to select its next District Representative. Nominations are due by March 15, 2010. Submit them to Christina Weber. The Section will vote for District Representative on March 18. This is a two year appointment beginning July 1, 2010. The District 17 position alternates between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The District Representative's duties include being a liaison between the YLD and the affiliates within the district and coordinating the YLD's disaster legal services program.

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- B. Budget. Charlie reported on the budget:
  - i. Charlie has been working to straighten out budget issues including:
    - 1. Teleconference fees: this has been an unexpected expense due to overwhelming participation in our monthly CLEs. The NLS will be making a supplemental budget request for additional funding to cover teleconference fees.
    - 2. There was confusion regarding \$450 taking from this year's budget, which we expected to come out of last year's budget. \$300 of the \$450 has been replaced into this year's budget.
  - ii. Currently, the Section has \$7,552.10 remaining in the current budget.

C. Social Committee. The Spring Social will take place at the Liffey in downtown St. Paul on April 14. RCBA and HCBA new lawyers are working on sponsorships. Chanel isn't sure who the beneficiary will be, but is considering Second Harvest Heartland and Haiti relief. Other ideas should be emailed to Chanel.

D. Outreach Committee. Lacey gave an update. On April 14 there will be a CLE and outreach event at William Mitchell. It will be something along the lines of "getting your first job" or "starting your own practice." Then the students are invited to attend the NLS meeting and social at the Liffey. Please attend the meeting at the Liffey. Last year, only five people attended the meeting, but the social was well attended. Todd continues work on social networking sites.

E. Community Service Committee. Jessica reported that NLS is booked for April 22, 8:00-9:30 p.m., for Feed My Starting Children. It is an event about serving the community and getting to know each other. Jessica suggests that we go out to dinner prior to the event. We need at least 10 people to sign up in order to do this event.

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F. CLE Committee.

- i. Today's CLE entitled "Get Clients Now" was presented by a career coach and was very well attended.
- ii. The March CLE will feature Judge Cahill discussing technology in the courtroom. Larry used to work for him and helped garner his participation.
- iii. The April CLE will be at William Mitchell, as discussed above.
- iv. There may or may not be a May CLE. Various section members are in favor of organizing a CLE because NLS will be requesting additional teleconferencing funds to cover it.

G. ABA YLD.

- i. Orlando report – Sam and Mike reported on the ABA Mid-Year meeting in Orlando and on various resolutions considered by the assembly. Jessica reported on the young/old lawyers discussion. Sitso added that big bar lawyers really seemed interested in new lawyer's opinions. The conference was a success.

ii. Upcoming conferences:

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1. USVI – five statements of interest were received including Lacey, Christina, Charlie, Sam, and Mike. It is proposed that each be funded for \$690.00. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Jennifer to adopt this proposal. The motion passed unanimously and Lacey remarked, "sweet."

2. Statements of interest for the summer ABA annual meeting in San Francisco are due May 17.

H. 9 Days in June. The MSBA likely want the NLS to do some sort of event. It is unclear what type of event they are looking for. Chanel volunteered to DJ for \$1,000, but will have to use her Ipod. Christina reported that the twin cities event will take place on June 24 and might be held at a “really cool venue.”

I. YLD Sub-Grant request. Lacey outlined what a sub-grant request is. Sam detailed that NLS will be making a grant request to fund a project called Serving Our Seniors. This is the ABA YLD’s annual public service project. Our grant request would allow the NLS to implement the project in Minnesota. Mike weighed in.

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J. *Hearsay*. The winter edition will begin with formatting soon. The spring edition will come next. Shanda requests more submissions. Contact Shanda if you are interested in writing for *Hearsay*.

### III. Reports

#### A. Officer Reports:

1. Secretary Sam Edmunds. Sam invited everyone to attend an April 27 CLE on International Criminal Law, sponsored by the Criminal Law Section. Sam also asked that all attendees sign in on the sign in sheet so that their attendance will be documented in the minutes.
2. Treasurer Charlie Delbridge. Requested Orlando receipts from Sam and Sitso.
3. Vice-Chair Christina Weber. Nothing further.
4. Chair Lacey Anderson.
  - a. A student networking event is taking place this Saturday at the University of Minnesota. It is hosted by the Eighth Circuit Law Students. Lacey thinks it looks very interesting. They are looking for more lawyers to attend the student networking event.
  - b. There will be an Employment Law Section CLE on March 10 at Windows on Minnesota regarding “ABA Amendments – One Year Later.” This is a luncheon event and it qualifies for one hour of standard CLE credit.
  - c. There is also an Animal Law Section CLE that qualifies for six CLE credits and only costs for \$75, including parking, breakfast, and lunch.

B. Liaison Reports:

- a. Sitso – the diversity committee wants to get various twin cities diversity organizations together. An event is taking place tomorrow at Windows on Minnesota from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- b. A CLE is taking place next Thursday. The topic is women in leadership.

C. ABA Representative Report – Mike Miller:

- a. Animal law guru proposal passed in the House.
- b. Many resolutions were heavily debated in the House. Young lawyers dues issue tabled, but will come back up in August. Collaborative Law Act proposal was withdrawn.
- c. Erika inquired regarding dues discount for attorneys earning under \$24,000. Mike responded that the ABA opted for a tiered system wherein dues are determined based on years in practice.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. without objection.