



NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2010

Members Present: Michael Miller, Sam Edmunds, Charlie Delbridge, Christina Weber, Mathea Bulander, Kyle Lewis, Andy Loose, Todd Olin, Erica Tolifson, Darryl Thomas.

Guests Present: Ashley Hacker.

I. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order at 5:52 p.m. at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Vice-Chair Christina Weber in Chair Lacey Anderson's absence.
- B. Each member and guest introduced herself or himself.
- C. Motion to approve the December meeting minutes by Charlie, seconded by Mike. Passed unanimously.

II. New Business

- A. Budget.
 - i. Charlie reported that the section has spent approximately \$3,300 and that approximately \$9,200 remains.
 - ii. Charlie and Sam recently collaborated to draft and submit the section's budget request and budget narrative. The section is requesting \$13,500 for the 2010 fiscal year and \$14,500 for 2011. Further, the section requested funds previously allocated to the Law Student Section. There has been informal discussion regarding the elimination of the LSS. NLS suggests that it be allotted the LSS funds and be charged with law student outreach for the MSBA.
- B. Law Student Mixer. Lacey is moderating. Feb. 2, 4:30-5:30 is the panel, 5:30-7:00 is the reception. Christina encouraged as many new lawyers as possible to attend the reception. Lawyers will be attending from many sections. Members should let Ashley know if they are going to attend.
- C. Social. Chanel not present. Christina reported that the spring social is set for April 15 at the Liffey in downtown St. Paul. The social committee is looking at options for the fundraiser. Possibilities include Haiti relief and Second Harvest Heartland. This is a tri-bar social, including the HCBA and RCBA new lawyers sections.
- D. Outreach. Todd and Chrissy not present.

- E. Community Service.
 - i. Feed My Starving Children event was discussed. Charlie thinks this event will be held on April 1.
 - ii. A question was raised regarding the Polar Bear Plunge. Details will be forthcoming.
- F. CLE.
 - i. Mathea reported on Tom Haunty's presentation. The response was good, but attendance wasn't as high as expected. Poor weather may have contributed.
 - ii. Erika is working with the Civil Litigation Section on a CLE presentation. CLS will sponsor. Four or five attorneys will speak about "if I knew then what I know now." CLS will also sponsor lunch and offer free CLS membership.
- G. ABA YLD.
 - i. Spring Joint Conference: St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, May 13-15, 2010. Statements of interest due to Lacey by Feb. 15. Will vote on delegates at the Feb. 18 meeting.
 - ii. Annual Convention: San Francisco, California, Aug. 5-10, 2010. Statements due to Lacey by May 17. Will vote on delegates at the May meeting.
- H. *Hearsay*. Andy reported that the response for the winter edition has not been as hoped. More submissions are needed. The deadline will be extended. This is a great opportunity to get published.
- I. Bylaws. Christina reported about the changes and the new version of the bylaws. Motion to approve by Sam, seconded by Mathea. Passed unanimously on a voice vote. The bylaws will now be forwarded to the MSBA governance committee and then to the MSBA Assembly in April.

III. Reports

- A. Officer Reports:
 - 1. Treasurer Charlie Delbridge. No further report.
 - 2. Secretary Sam Edmunds. Sam encouraged members present to sign in so that their names will be included in the minutes, correctly.
 - 3. Vice Chair Christina Weber. No further report.

4. Chair Lacey Anderson. Not present.

B. Liaison Reports:

1. Mathea reported on the elder law section.

2. A report was provided regarding the food and drug law section. A CLE will be held on March 4 that will involve managing and litigating food crisis, to be held at the Oppenheimer firm.

3. ABA report (Michael Miller). Mike is very excited for Orlando.

C. Miscellaneous. Sam continued the discussion regarding the law student section and its elimination. Christina and Mike joined in the discussion and commented on the possibilities that could be opened up for NLS.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. without objection.