



## NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2010

**Members Present:** Lacey Anderson, Michael Miller, Sam Edmunds, Charlie Delbridge, Christina Weber, Laura Vancura, Matea Bulander, Shanda Pearson, Dave Madgett, Larry McGee, Andy Loose, Elise Peterson, Sarah Nemmers, Jenny Lurken, Erika Donner, Sitso Bediako, 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. Introductions.
- C. Motion to approve the February meeting minutes made by Charlie, second by Andy, passed unanimously.

### II. New Business

- A. ABA District Representative. Lacey announced that Jennifer Lurken was selected as ABA District Representative for 2010-2012. She won elections in four out of six affiliates prior to today's meeting so a vote today isn't necessary.
- B. Tax Law Liaison. Mike moved and Larry seconded to appoint Laura Vancura as Tax Law Section Liaison. Passed.
- C. Corporate Counsel Section Liaison. Mike inquired into whether corporate counsel was really a section. Yes, it recently was given section status. Larry moved and Mathea seconded to appoint Hanna Wolf as Corporate Counsel Section Liaison. Passed.
- D. Meeting time. Options presented by Lacey. Consensus reached that NLS should move its monthly meeting from the third Thursday of the month to the second. Sam moves to set next year's meetings for the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., with the monthly CLE at 4:15 p.m., seconded by Sitso. Jenny Lurken, former NLS CLE chair suggests that the 4:15 CLE time will be good because our CLEs tend to run over. Motion passes unanimously.
- E. New Lawyers CLE. The membership department is putting on this CLE on May 6 from 1:00-6:30 p.m. NLS is considering options for our involvement. Lacey

suggests that we sponsor a dessert. Ashley describes CLE schedule. The reception will be at the conclusion of the CLE in the atrium.

Charlie interjects with budget update. Things are looking good. An extra \$1,000 was approved to cover teleconferencing expenses. Also, \$800 that was set aside for the ABA Annual can not be used for that. Currently there is \$5,000 remaining in the budget. Charlie estimates that \$2,400 will be spent on the spring social, the May happy hour, and other miscellaneous expenses. That leaves around \$2,600. The bulk of the remainder will go to 9 Days in June event which is set to take place at Target Field. The NLS will likely put on the closing reception. Christina is working on this event. The officers suggest that up to about \$2,000 be set aside for the event.

With that budget overview, the discussion returned to the May 6 CLE. Best case scenario, there is an additional \$600 remaining. Mathea questions “who will know that we sponsored dessert?” Lacey suggests just doing a table. Charlie questions whether we have a NLS banner. Ashley says we can get one, if we pay for it, of course. Agreement reached that NLS will put together a table, but nothing monetary. Charlie/Lacey say we should have lots of attendees. Sam questions cost. Ashley reports that there will be a \$25 fee, but that it can be used towards section membership or any MSBA product.

- F. Mentoring program for new bankruptcy attorneys. Lacey reports that the Volunteer Lawyers Network is developing a bankruptcy mentoring program to train new lawyers. Lacey poses the question, are we interested in being part of it? VLN wants to come discuss it with us. Consensus reached that it’s okay for them to come in May.
- G. Feed My Starving Children donation. Lacey brings up the idea of offering a donation to Feed My Starving Children, but cautions that the budget is uncertain. Consensus that we should wait on this. Mike voiced concern about setting a bad precedent. Lacey explains that we budgeted for 9 days, around \$1,000.
- H. Social. The spring social is set for April 15 at the Liffey in downtown St. Paul. The flyer is done and going out next week. The CLE will occur at William Mitchell prior to the social and will be fantastic. A \$10 donation to Second Harvest Heartland is required for admittance to the social, which will get you food plus two drinks.
- I. Outreach. Short discussion regarding the NLS Facebook page. New lawyers should find the page by searching Facebook for “MSBA New Lawyers.”
- J. Community Service. Our Feed My Starving Children volunteer event is coming up on April 22 at 8:00 p.m. A few more volunteers are needed. It’s decided that attendees will meet at some location in Eagan close to the event for appetizers or dinner. Sam will talk to Jessica.

- K. CLE. Today's CLE was a success. Judge Cahill presented regarding technology, social media, internet as evidence, and fourth district e-filing. Mathea notes that the CLE was very interesting.

The next NLS CLE will be in April before the spring social and will take place at William Mitchell. The CLE chairs have been working with Nicki Schwartz at William Mitchell. The room is reserved and the event will be advertised on the William Mitchell docket. Does anyone have connections to other law schools so that additional students can be invited? Speakers to include Justice Gildea and St. Paul City Attorney John Choi. MSBA President Leo Brisbois will moderate.

No CLE is set for May yet. Mathea reports that an elimination of bias CLE has been offered this year, but not an ethics CLE. Sam suggests CLE on parliamentary procedure for new bar participants.

- L. ABA YLD. Registration deadline for USVI is April 14. The ABA Annual will be in San Francisco in August. Statements of interest are due in May.
- M. *Hearsay*. Andy reports that the winter edition is out along with the call for authors for the spring edition. This is a very easy way to get published. Andy raised question about the timing of the summer edition and announced the goal of getting it out by mid-summer.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Officer Reports.**

1. Secretary Sam Edmunds. Sam reported that the ABA Grant request was submitted. If chosen we will use the funds to implement the ABA YLD public service project in Minnesota. The project this year is called Serving Our Seniors.
2. Treasurer Charlie Delbridge. Charlie presented the NLS budget proposal to the member service subcommittee of the MSBA operations committee. Our request for next year of \$14,500 is a \$2,000 increase from this year.
3. Vice-Chair Christina Weber. No report.
4. Chair Lacey Anderson. Lacey reported that she will be forming the nominating committee and that elections will take place in May.

#### **B. Liaison Reports.**

1. Lacey reports on citizen lawyers CLE. Use your lawyer skills for more than just lawyering.

2. Sitso reports on diversity committee event that was very good. The Diversity Planning Taskforce is talking about MSBA internal diversity work.
3. Lacey reports on business law institute, which will be held May 11-12, 2010. A reception will occur at 4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Hyatt.
4. Sam reported on behalf of Colin. The Animal Law Section is having its annual Animal Law Institute on March 27 at William Mitchell. It's an all-day (8:15-4:00) 6 credit CLE and it's \$75 for MSBA members, cheaper if you are a section member or law student. It's a great conference that brings in some of the best attorneys doing animal protection work from around the country.

C. ABA Report. Mike provided a written report from the ABA mid-year.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. without objection.