



NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2010

Members Present: Jason Seashore, Sarah DeMoss, Janie Paulson, Jen Santini, Michael Miller, Sam Edmunds, Charlie Delbridge, Christina Weber, Larry McGee, Munazza Humayun, Laura Orr, Sarah McGuire, John Buchholz, Hanna Wolf, Daniel Reynolds, Erica Stock, Becky Fritz, John Lassetter, David Jenson, Evan Weiner, Anna Hornig Nygren, Sitso Bediako (phone); Jennifer Lurken (phone) Elise Peterson (phone), Tokunbo Okanla (phone).

Guests Present: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at MSBA office, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Meeting was chaired by Christina Weber.

- a. Introductions.
- b. Approval of May, 2010 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Charlie Delbridge to approve the minutes of the May 2010 meeting, which was seconded by Mike Miller. Having no discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion to approve the May 2010 Minutes was passed.

2. New Business

- a. Approval of 2010-2011 Proposed Budget (Sam Edmunds)

Sam Edmunds discussed the budget information distributed to the Section. Sam highlighted particularly the section of the budget funding the ABA YLD District Representative travel. The proposal was to fund the District Representative with approximately \$2,000 over two years, divided over three different budget cycles. The recommendation for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 budget years are merely recommendations and cannot bind the Section in future years until those budgets are drafted and approved. Sam then moved for the approval of the budget, which was seconded. Christina asked for any discussion. A question was raised regarding carry-over funding for the Section. It was explained that the Section does not have any carry-over funding because it is funded out of general membership dues and does not have its own separate funding. A vote was taken and the budget was approved as proposed.

- b. Law Student Mixer – September 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Christina stated that the Law Student Mixer would be happening on September 16, 2010 at the Minnesota CLE Center. There would be a one-hour panel discussion starting at 5:00 p.m., with lawyers from different career backgrounds. The purpose of the panel was to discuss how to obtain paying jobs in the legal profession outside of the on-campus interview process. Following the panel discussion, Section members are invited to join the law students at a mixer from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., outside of the MSBA office. If members are planning to attend, they should send an email to Christina. Christina explained that there was a conflict with the HCBA NLS happy hour that same evening. The conflict occurred because the Law Student Mixer was being held earlier than in previous years.

c. ABA Conferences

- i. YLD Fall Conference - Santa Fe, New Mexico
 1. Conference Dates – October 14-16, 2010
 2. Registration Deadline – September 13, 2010
 3. Statements of Interest Rec'd
 - a. Sam Edmunds

Christina Weber explained the format of the ABA YLD conferences, and that it was a great opportunity for young lawyers to network and have a great time. Christina stated that only one had been received from Sam Edmunds. A motion to approve sending Sam to the Fall Conference in Santa Fe was made and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken of all of the members present and the motion carried. Christina also explained that the HCBA New Lawyer Section has also funded two new lawyers to attend the fall YLD conference and Jennifer Lurken, the District Representative for Minnesota, and Mike Miller, New Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, will also be attending.

Christina then discussed the other upcoming conferences and the due date for the Statements of Interest to the next conference. Those conferences are:

- ii. ABA Mid-Year Meeting – Atlanta Georgia
 1. Conference Dates – February 9-15, 2011
 2. Registration Deadline – January 14, 2011
 3. Statements of Interest Due to Christina – December 6, 2010
- iii. YLD Spring Conference – Las Vegas, Nevada – Conference Dates – May 12-14, 2011
- iv. ABA Annual Meeting – Toronto, Canada – Conference Dates – August 4-9, 2011

d. Serving Our Seniors Presentation (Sam Edmunds)

Sam discussed the Serving Our Seniors Program, the ABA YLD service project for 2010-2011. The program was created to help seniors by providing basic estate planning services. Sam showed a promotional video prepared by the ABA YLD. Sam indicated that the project would launch after the Fall YLD Conference in Santa Fe. Sam invited anyone who would be interested in planning the Minnesota Serving Our Seniors effort to join his organizing committee. Sam also welcomes others interested in participating in the program to contact him. Sam can be reached at sedmunds@ck-law.com. Christina indicated that the Wills for Heroes program was similarly a Young Lawyers Division initiative that was taken up in Minnesota. Jennifer Lurken mentioned that there was interest from the Mankato New Lawyers Section to participate and asked about the roll-out of the program statewide. Sam said that the program can be rolled out statewide if there is sufficient interest and ability to train lawyers outside of the Twin Cities. The question was raised about whether there would be eligibility rules determining who can be served by the program. Sam indicated that the eligibility requirements are up to each individual ABA YLD affiliate to determine. The general idea is to latch on to programs that are currently serving seniors and use the eligibility guidelines of the partner program as a basis.

Another question was raised about the impact of estate planning, medical assistance services and benefits received by seniors. The point raised was that by performing estate planning services, one could unintentionally impact the seniors' eligibility for other medical assistance services. Laura Orr also said that the elder law section had expressed similar concerns. She mentioned that the elder law section is in favor of narrowing the eligibility to avoid issues regarding state medical assistance qualifications. Sam Edmunds stated that his committee will discuss the issue and figure out whether the simplest will could affect medical assistance eligibility. He would appreciate members who are knowledgeable about these issues joining his committee.

e. Liaison Appointments (Charlie Delbridge)

Charlie Delbridge discussed the liaison appointment process. Charlie moved to put forth as a slate certain individuals who requested liaison appointments prior to the meeting.

A motion was made to approve Floor Statements of Interest. Additional individuals expressed interest at the meeting to serve as liaisons to the respective sections and committees.

Charlie moved to amend the slate as set forth below:

Sections	Committees and Task Forces	
Administrative Law	Civic Education	Elise Peterson

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Agricultural and Rural Law	Civil Gideon Task Force
Alternative Dispute Resolution Elise Peterson	Continuing Legal Education
Animal Law	Convention
Antitrust	Court Rules & Administration
Appellate Practice	Diversity (Permanent Committee) Sitso Bediako
Art & Entertainment Law	Diversity 2005-06 Task Force
Bankruptcy L. Kathleen Harrell-Latham	Diversity Implementation Task Force
Business Law Jennifer Santini	Diversity Planning Task Force
Children and the Law Becky Fritz	Fair Response
Civil Litigation Janie Paulson	Human Rights Tokunbo Okanla
Communications Law	Insurance for Members
Computer & Technology Law Larry McGee	Judicial Elections Campaign
Construction Law	Conduct Committee Mike Miller
Corporate Counsel Hanna Wolf	Judiciary Evan Weiner
Criminal Law	Legal Assistance to the Disadvantaged
Elder Law Laura Orr	Legislative Mike Miller
Employee Benefits Natalie Kohner	Life & the Law Elise Peterson
Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law	Membership
	Military Law
Family Law Munazza Humayun	Mock Trial Advisory
Food and Drug Law Sarah Bohman	Operations
General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section Sarah McGuire	Paralegal
	Professionalism
Health Law Jason Seashore	Pro Se Implementation
Immigration Law Sarah S. Brenes Munazza Humayun	Publications
International Business Law	Rights of Unmarried Couples Task Force
Labor & Employment Law John Lassetter	Rules of Professional Conduct Bryan Seiler
New Lawyers	Translation Task Force
Outstate Practice	Women in the Legal Profession Anna Horning Nygren
Practice Management & Marketing Sarah McGuire	
Probate & Trust Law Jennifer Santini	
Public Law	
Public Utilities Law	
Real Property Law	
Tax Kyle Brehm Erica Stock	

The motion was seconded by Janie Paulson, and the motion carried.

f. Amendment of MSBA Section Bylaws – Articles 12-14

Christina Weber discussed the amendment of the MSBA Section Bylaws. She explained that it was primarily a clean-up language issue and also to clarify the MSBA lobbying process. Anyone who had comments on the proposed amendments should contact Christina Weber by September 24. Comments will be reviewed by the Council.

g. 9 Days in June

Christina explained that the MSBA had transitioned from an annual conference held in one location to a 9-days format where sessions were held across the state, including an annual convention in Minneapolis. Christina stated that 1,500 people attended the 9 days format. Overall everyone was pleased. It is the hope of the MSBA to recreate the event in 2011. Christina also discussed the social event held by the New Lawyers Section at the tavern inside of Target Field. It is hoped that this Section will do a similar event for 2011 for the 9 Days in June event in Minneapolis.

3. Reports

a. New Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates (Mike Miller)

Mike Miller reported about the ABA annual meeting in San Francisco. Mike provided a handout regarding the summary of the actions taken by the ABA House of Delegates and will submit a report to the Section summarizing the conference.

b. Committee Reports

i. Hearsay Publication (Andy Loose and Janie Catherine Paulson)

Janie Paulson encouraged everyone who wanted to be published to talk to her. The deadline for submitting articles for the Fall issue is September 25, 2010. She also stated that she expects that the Winter deadline will occur sometime in November.

ii. CLE Committee (Margie Jennings-Meier and Mathea Bulander)

The CLE Co-Chairs were not present. Christina Weber reported that the co-chairs are trying to set up an ethics CLE and a CLE on depositions, but there has been no commitment yet for the October CLE. Christina encouraged the Section members to contact her if they had ideas for other CLEs that they might want the Section to pursue. . Finally, Christina said that there may be a change to the CLE schedule on effective witness

preparation. There is a CLE set for November, but because of the role out of the Serving Our Seniors program, that CLE might be moved to January 2011.

iii. Social Committee (Anne Lindberg)

The Social Chair was not present. Christina Weber reported that the Winter Social is set for December 2, 2010 in St. Paul. They are hoping to hold the event at Faces in St. Paul Lowertown area. That event is typically the Tri-Bar Social and Toys for Tots Fundraiser. The Spring Tri-Bar Social will be held at the end of April or the beginning of May, hopefully at Target Field on the Budweiser Deck. The Budweiser Deck holds about 200 people. Typically the Spring Fundraiser is a fundraiser for Second Harvest Heartland. This year, we will do something slightly different, non food-related. We hope to start advertising about the Spring Social in December and attract supporters of the New Lawyers Section, including judges. The Section may also invite the ABA Leaders in May, plus the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division leadership to attend the Spring Social. There is a willingness to have Duluth, Mankato and Rochester New Lawyers Section join the event and make the social a bigger event.

iv. Community Service Committee (Lacey Anderson)

The Chair was not present. Christina Weber explained that there are a couple of ideas for a Community Service events for the year, including Feed My Starving Children. Christina also explained that Lacey submitted the Section's name to KARE11 for the Toys for Tots drop-off event. There is also a suggestion to hold a clothing drive for professionals through this action.

v. Outreach Committee (Mike Goodwin)

The Chair was not present. Christina explained that the Section is now on Twitter, Facebook and Linked In.

c. Officer Reports

i. Secretary (Sitso Bediako)

Sitso asked people to make sure that they signed in so that they could be recorded on the Minutes.

ii. Treasurer (Sam Edmunds)

Sam Edmunds related that he will bring the updated Treasurer's Report to all meetings if members want to review Section spending. Sam also informed the Section that at the first and last meeting of the year, the Section sponsors a Happy Hour. Sam invited all attending members to attend the Happy Hour after the meeting.

iii. Vice-Chair (Charles Delbridge)

Charlie did not have any information to report to the Section.

iv. Chair (Christina Weber)

1. New Lawyer Pro Bono Mentoring

Christina Weber discussed the New Lawyer's Pro Bono Mentoring program, which is a program designed to match up new lawyers doing pro bono work with experienced attorneys. The people organizing the mentoring program want new lawyers to serve on the Committee to help put together and run the program. If anyone is interested in serving on the Planning Committee or participating in the program, please contact Christina.

2. YLD Affiliate Awards of Achievement

Christina Weber discussed the nature of the ABA YLD Affiliate Awards program and that the Section intends to apply for an award this year for recognition of some of the great work that is being done by Minnesota's new lawyers. If any members see work being done by young lawyers in the state, Christina asks that you let her know so that the Section can also apply for recognition of those efforts with the ABA YLD at the National YLD Conference.

d. Affiliate Reports

i. District Representative to YLD (Jennifer Lurken)

1. Law Day You Tube Video Project

Jennifer discussed the You Tube Law Day Program, which is a program to get high school students to create a You Tube video on a topic of interest regarding civics and the law. If anyone knows of any teacher in a high school that might be interested in the program, please let Jennifer know and she will get in contact with them.

ii. Hennepin County (Sitso Bediako)

Sitso reported that HCBA New Lawyers Section is holding its social event at Seven Bar on October 16, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He also mentioned that the next HCBA New Lawyers Section meeting, the HCBA President would be in attendance to talk to the New Lawyers Section of what the HCBA could do for them. The HCBA New Lawyers Section leadership encourages all Hennepin County attorneys young lawyers to attend and provide their input. For reference the HCBA New Lawyers Section has moved their meetings to the second Wednesdays of each month, at noon.

iii. Ramsey County

No report was received.

iv. Mankato (Jennifer Lurken)

Jennifer mentioned that Mankato had its meeting set up for September 30. She discussed the Serving Our Seniors program with Mankato and Mankato is interested in putting together at least one clinic in the area. Jennifer will also check to see if Mankato is interested in being involved with the Spring Social Event.

e. Liaison Reports

From the Corporate Counsel Section. Hanna Wolf discussed this section's "Lunch and Learn" events, the first of which will be held on October 6. If you are interested in joining this section and coming to this event, e-mail Hanna (HWolf@DataRecognitionCorp.com).

From the Corporate Tax Law Section. Erica Stock talked about an event this section is having: an hour-long update on tax law, to be held on September 16, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. without objection. Happy Hour was held at Gluek's Restaurant and Bar after the meeting.