

NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2011

Members Present: Charlie Delbridge, Sam Edmunds, Joe Larson, Elise Peterson, Mathea Bulander, Jaimie Palmer, Jason Seashore, Karie Muller, Joe McKonich, Anna Kim, Ben Lewis, Cathy Cranes, Jessica Hulbert, Donika Pentcheva, Kodi Church, Lauren Nuffort, Mike Goodwin, Margie Meier, Larry McGee, Jessica Megorden, Chris Van Rybraek, Todd Schenk, Jessica Hofrichter, Meng Che, Jay Oh, Munazza Humayun, Erika Donner, Dan O’Conner, Sarah Roeder, Brianne Dotts, Jan Jeske, Evan Weiner, Maria Langsjohn.

Guests present: Tamara Patton.

I. Opening Business

- A. Call to order by Chair Charlie Delbridge at 5:33 p.m.
- B. Introductions took place.
- C. Motion to approve the May 2010 minutes was made by made by Margie Meier, seconded by Larry McGee, and passed unanimously.

II. New Business

- A. Sam Edmunds provided a report on ABA Annual Meeting in Toronto. Mike Miller will provide a more detailed report in October.
- B. ABA Conferences for 2011-12 bar year
 - 1. YLD Fall Conference – Seattle, WA
 - a. Conference Dates: October 13-15, 2011
 - b. Registration Deadline: September 21, 2011
 - c. Statements of Interest Received: Erika Donner, Munazza Humayun, and Cathy Crane

Motion by Margie, there was a second, to send the three interested members to Seattle at the budgeted rate of \$400. A friendly proposal was offered by Sam and accepted by the mover to give the officers discretion to change the conference attendees if necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. ABA Mid-Year Meeting – New Orleans, LA
 - a. Conference Dates: February 2-4, 2012
 - b. Registration Deadline: January 13, 2012
 - c. Statements of Interest due to Charlie: January 6, 2012
- 3. YLD Spring Conference – Nashville, TN

- a. Conference Dates: May 3-5, 2012
 - b. Registration Deadline: TBA
 - c. Statements of Interest due to Charlie: TBA
- 4. ABA Annual Meeting – Chicago, IL
 - a. Conference Dates: August 2-4, 2012
 - b. Registration Deadline: TBA
 - c. Statements of Interest due to Charlie: TBA
- C. Elect Alternate Representative to MSBA Assembly.

Motion by Larry, seconded by Margie, to designate Sam as the alternate representative. Carried unanimously.
- D. Charlie provided a report on the proposed amendments to MSBA Bylaws. The two New Lawyers Section (“NLS”) representatives to the MSBA Assembly welcomed NLS Members’ thoughts about the proposed amendments.
- E. Charlie provided a report on the successful NLS 9 Days in June events.
- F. Charlie provided a report on the Mentorship Program.
- G. Sam provided a report on last year’s Serving Our Seniors project and offered a special thanks to all of the volunteers including Janie Paulson, Sarah McGwire, Munazza H., Jen Santini, and Jayne Sykora. The SOS project is now concluded unless another NLS member wants to step up and take the reigns.
- H. Sam described the liaison appointment process and recommended a slate of candidates for appointment. A few members submitted their names for consideration from the floor. Motion by Sam, second by Margie, to approved the recommended slate of candidates. Unanimous vote. The liaison spreadsheet is attached to these minutes.
- I. Sam provided a report on the Spring ’13 YLD Conference Host Committee and solicited volunteers. Charlie reported that Sam will again be the Chair of this special committee. So far, the committee includes Mike Goodwin, Margie, Joshua, Erika Donner, Mathea Bulander and Evan Weiner.
- J. Charlie provided a description of the MSBA Assembly and Council and noted tomorrow’s Assembly and Council meetings.

III. Reports

- A. New Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Mike Miller was not present. However he plans to offer a detailed report in October.
- B. YLD District Representative. Jenny Lurken was not present.

C. Committee Reports

1. Hearsay Publication. Munazza reported regarding the upcoming Fall issue. Article deadline is October 1. Contact Munazza or Christina.
2. CLE Committee. Joe Larson and Mathea reported that CLEs are scheduled for October (criminal law), November (Judge McShane), and December (trial ethics). There is also a NLS cosponsored CLE coming up later this month on a social security disability related topic.
3. Social Committee. Anne was not present, but did provide a report, which Charlie gave on Anne's behalf. The report discussed the Winter Tri-Bar Social set to take place at Solera on December 1. Anne would like to hear ideas on whether to continue the fashion show in February or hold a new type of social event.
4. Community Service Committee. Elise Peterson and Jaimie Palmer reported that they plan to hold at least three volunteer activities with one involving law students and all MSBA members. They also plan to conduct two programs focused on collecting donations. Margie suggested an unnamed organization that helps underprivileged high school students get professional jobs, clothing drive, gently used business clothes, shopping day, paired up with student, help them pick out outfit, etc., located in downtown St. Paul.
5. Outreach Committee. Mike Goodwin reported that law school outreach will be a focus this year. Mike and Elyse will be visiting each law school student bar association this month or next month. Mike also reminded the membership of the NLS presence on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Lauren Nuffort, a William Mitchell graduate, suggested that Mike reach out to each law school's ABA Representative.

D. Officer Reports

1. Secretary. Jennifer Santini not present.
2. Treasurer . Margie encouraged members to attend ABA conferences because travel is a large part of our section budget.
3. Vice-Chair. Sam reported that last year NLS was left with \$329. NLS has asked the MSBA to allow the section to carry forward the \$329.
4. Chair. Charlie had no further report.

E. Affiliate Reports

1. Hennepin County Bar Association. Donika Pentcheva provided a report on HCBA's upcoming activities, which is attached to the minutes.

2. Ramsey County Bar Association. No one present.

F. Liaison Reports

1. Elyse reported The ADR Section will host a CLE, free to MSBA members, on September 13 at noon at the MSBA. The topic is community mediation in Minnesota. Community Mediation programs have rosters of volunteer mediators both attorneys and non-attorneys. They will talk about their programs and about opportunities to become a volunteer mediator.

The Civic Education Committee is holding a free CLE to train lawyers to go into schools once or twice a year through the Lawyers in the Schools program. The CLE is at 3:30 on Tuesday the 13th. Contact new MSBA staff person Jennifer Carter with any questions or to join the Committee.

The Life and Law Committee will meet on September 22nd at 8:30 at the MSBA. This year the committee will be working on wellness for law students in addition to creating CLEs for lawyers on balancing everything.

2. Todd Schenk reported on the Computer and Technology Law Section. The section meeting is next Tuesday at 11:30 and will be followed by a noon CLE on the American Invents Act.
3. Tamara Patton reminded the group of the NLS cosponsored CLE on September 27. Tamara also reminded the membership to ensure that Tamara has everyone on the email and membership lists.

IV. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned.

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Sections		Committees and Task Forces	
Administrative Law		Civic Education	Elise Peterson
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)	
Arts & Entertainment Law	Maxwell Felsheim	Diversity (2005-06 Task Force)	
Bankruptcy	Kathleen Harrell-Latham	Diversity Implementation Task Force	
Business Law	Jennifer Santini	Diversity Planning Task Force	
	Jessica Hofrichter	Fair Response	
Children and the Law		Human Rights	Tokunbo Okanla
Civil Litigation	Michael Goodwin	Insurance for Members	
Communications Law		Judicial Elections Campaign	
Computer & Technology Law		Conduct Committee	
Construction Law		Judiciary	
Corporate Counsel	Hanna Wolf	Legal Assistance to the Disadvantaged	
Criminal Law	Samuel Edmunds	Legislative	Michael Miller
Elder Law		Life & the Law	Elise Peterson
Employee Benefits		Membership	
Environmental, Natural Resources and Energy Law		Military Law	
Family Law		Mock Trial Advisory	
Food and Drug Law		Operations	
GP, Solo and Small Firm Section	Munazza Humayun	Paralegal	
Health Law	Jason Seashore	Professionalism	
Immigration Law	Munazza Humayun	Pro Se Implementation	
International Business Law		Publications	
Labor & Employment Law	Cailin Gudio	Rights of Unmarried Couples	
	Jessica Hofrichter	Task Force	
Outstate Practice	Dan O'Connor	Rules of Professional Conduct	
Practice Management & Marketing		Translation Task Force	
Probate & Trust Law	Jennifer Santini	Women in the Legal Profession	Sarah Novak
Public Law			
Public Utilities Law			
Real Property Law	Christina Weber		
Tax	Cailin Gudio		

