

MSBA/NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2008

Members Present: Jon Drewes, Lacey Anderson, Michael Miller, Nicole Hanning, Shanda Pearson, Gabe Johnson, Andrew Gifford, Charlie Delbridge, David Classen

I. Opening Business

- A. Introductions and Call to Order at 5:35 at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Lacey Anderson.
- B. March 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

II. New Business

- A. NLS Officer Elections:
 - i. Elections will be held at the last NLS Council meeting on May 15th. Statements of interest were due to Dan Gilchrist by April 15th.
 - ii. Approval of Nominating Committee: Jon Drewes moved to approve the Nominating Committee of Dan Gilchrist, Jennifer Daugherty, Mike Miller, and Andrew Gifford. Shanda Pearson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Committee Chairs and *Hearsay* Editors
 - i. Discussion regarding interest for Committee Chairs and *Hearsay* editors for next year. The positions are Social Chair, CLE Chair, and Community Service Chair. Statements of interest are due to Erika Donner by May 10th. These will be voted on at the May 15th meeting.
- C. Spring Social
 - i. Lacey encouraged everyone to attend the Tri-bar Spring Social at Solera on April 24th from 5:00-8:00 pm.
- D. Discussion of MSBA Annual Convention
 - i. Lacey encouraged everyone to register for the Annual, June 15-17 in Duluth, and to book rooms early.
 - ii. Discussion of scholarships:
 - 1. Mike Miller moved to approve funding for 3 or 4 scholarship of \$250 each to be awarded at Chair's discretion. Gabe Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Statements of interest for a scholarship are due to Dan Gilchrist by April 30th.
 - iii. Discussion of Hospitality Suite at Convention
 - 1. We had previously allocated \$400 for the suite, but that was not including the cost of the room itself. We have an additional \$100 left over from the cost of the band. Gabe Johnson made a motion to allocate \$350 from the NLS

budget, including the \$100 remaining from the band budget, to cover the cost of the hospitality suite with the initial \$400 still going to the cost of food and drinks for the room, discretion being given to the Chair to increase this amount as necessary to cover additional expenses. Mike Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. ABA Annual Convention was discussed. Statements of interest to be a delegate are due to Dan Gilchrist by May 12th.

F. Liaison Position:

- i. Nicole Hanning gave statement of interest prior to meeting to Erika Donner to be new liaison for the Human Rights Committee for next fiscal year. Restated her interest at the meeting. Shanda Pearson moved to approve Nicole as the new liaison to the Human Rights Committee. Mike Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

A. Officer Reports

i. Christina Weber—Treasurer

1. Prior to budget approvals at this meeting, we have \$5500 left to spend for the year.

ii. Lacey Anderson—Secretary

1. No report

iii. Erika Donner—Vice Chair

1. No report

iv. Dan Gilchrist—Chair

B. Affiliate Reports

i. HCBA: No Report

ii. ABA Representative: No Report

iii. Ramsey: Next Happy Hour is May 1st at Boca Chica; then June 1st at Dixies. The SMRLS event Family First will be on Saturday, July 26th.

C. Liaison Reports:

- i. Mike Miller gave report from legislative committee stating that no decisions regarding judicial elections will happen this year.

IV. Adjournment (5:53)