

MSBA NEW LAWYERS SECTION

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2007

Members Present: Dan Gilchrist, Jennifer Daugherty, Jon Drewes, Christina Weber, Kelly Larmon, Mike Espenson, Anna Prakash, Jason Fincke, Shanda Pearson, Rebecca Weisenberger, Lindsey Day, Michael Miller, Paul Edlund, Lacey Anderson, Tom Borash, Erika Donner, David Classen, Sharon Horozaniecki, Nathan Lamp, Nicole James, Allison Gonzalez, Elyssa J Weber (via phone)

I. Opening Business

- a. Introductions and Call to Order at 5:35 at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Dan Gilchrist.
- b. The Council approved the November 2007 minutes without comment.

II. New Business

- a. ABA/YLD mid year and spring conference
 - i. Discussed conferences. Two members gave statements of interest: Dan Gilchrist and Allison Gonzalez.
 - ii. Erika Donner moved to allocated \$800 for Dan Gilchrist and Allison Gonzalez to attend the L.A. conference. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - iii. Brief discussion regarding statements of interests for ABA/YLD Spring conference in Washington, D.C., April 17-19.
- b. CLE Committee
 - i. January 17th at 5:45: Tom Haunty presentation and meeting
 - ii. February: Clerk Panel
 - iii. March: Duluth CLE
- c. Community Service Committee
 - i. Nicole James discussed "Choose Law" program at White Bear Lake High School, which will be Jan. 15th at 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed to answer questions about the profession.
- d. Social/Recruitment Committee
 - i. Brief Toys for Tots recap: Raised \$4350 and collected 100+ toys
 - ii. Nicole James moved to ratify the NLS officers' decision to contribute \$700 towards the Toys for Tots happy hour. Mike Miller seconded. Motion passed.
 - iii. Spring Social set for April.
- e. Discussion of MSBA Convention
- f. Discussion about sponsorship of WMCL's ABA Student Division networking event lead by Lauren Nuffort from WMCL. Event will be held on January 23rd at 5:30-8:30 at the art studio of Fred Kaemmer. After discussion, Jennifer Daugherty moved to sponsor \$100 for miscellaneous costs associated with the event. Mike Miller seconded. Motion passed.

- g.** Discussion of MSBA Appellate Practice Section's *Year-in-Review* CLE Program which will be Feb. 8, 2008 from 11:30-1:30 pm. Chief Judge Toussaint & Justice Paul Anderson will speak.

III. Reports

a. Officer Reports

i. Christina Weber—Treasurer

- 1.** We have currently spent \$4,000 of our budget, with the bulk of our spending coming up the rest of the year.

ii. Lacey Anderson—Secretary

- 1.** No report

iii. Erika Donner—Vice Chair

- 1.** Erika moved to appoint six (6) new liaisons:

a. Paul Edlund--Criminal Law Section

Ann Westerlund Peterson & Chris Armor--Co-liaisons for tax law section

Suzanne Armor--Law School Liaison Cmttee

Jon Schmidt--Appellate Practice Section

Allison Gonzalez--Arts & Ent. Section

- ###### **b.** Jennifer Lurken made a motion to approve new liaisons. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

iv. Dan Gilchrist—Chair

- 1.** No report

b. Affiliate Reports

i. HCBA—Troy Tatting (no report)

ii. ABA/YLD—Jennifer Daugherty

- 1.** Encouraged those attending L.A. to reserve hotel rooms now.

iii. ABA Representative—Mike Miller (no report)

iv. Ramsey County

- 1.** Monthly meetings are at 4:00 pm followed by a happy hour from 5-7 pm on the first Thurs. of the month. The next event is set for Jan. 3 at Mancini's Char House.

c. Liaisons: Reports were given from the following liaisons:

i. Civil Lit—Sharon Horozaniecki

ii. Family Law—Margeaux Coady

iii. Appellate law—John Schmidt

iv. Elder law—Kristine Mullmann

- ##### **v.** Legislative section—Jon Drewes talked on new legislative procedures

vi. Int'l Law—Jason Fincke (upcoming dinner)

vii. Business Law—Mike Espenson and Kelly Larmon

IV. Adjournment (6:20)