

## MSBA/NEWLAWYERS SECTION

### Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2008

**Members Present:** Jon Drewes, Christina Weber, Charlie Delbridge, Josh Colburn, Erika Donner, Evan Weiner, Jody Ward-Rannow, John Remakel, Margie Jennings, Lindsey Day, Mike Miller, Shanda Pearson, Kelly Larmon, Mike Espenson, Kimberly Lange, Jay Kautt, Nicole R. McCain, Kally L. Ostlie, Melissa Wendland, Lacey Anderson, Paul Edlund, Todd Schenk, Sarah McGuire, Laurie Young, Anne Lindberg, Greg Bittle, Valerie LeMaster, Sam Edmunds, Ashley Wenger, Suzanne Todnem, Chanel Melin, Nicole James, Joy Anderson, Kimberly Scott, Meredith Bauer, Jeff R. Anderson, Benjamin Dollins.

#### I. Opening Business

- A. Introduction and Call to Order at 5:35 at the MSBA offices. Meeting chaired by Erika Donner.
- B. Minutes of the May 2008 meeting approved.

#### II. New Business

- A. Treasurer Christina Weber presented the proposed budget for the Section for the 2008-2009 year. A copy of the proposed budget is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Mike Miller moved to accept the proposed budget; Chanel Melin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mike Miller summarized the ABA Annual Meeting, which took place in New York in August. He spoke primarily about the issues discussed and voted on by the YLD Assembly. Mike also presented a written summary of the proceedings. Sarah McGuire, who also attended the Annual Meeting, also gave her account.
- C. ABA/YLD Meetings
  - i. Jon Drewes moved to fund Sam Edmunds and Charlie Delbridge for the August 2008 ABA Annual Meeting from this year's budget in the amount of \$300 each; Sam Edmunds seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. The ABA Fall Conference, which will take place in San Diego in October 2008, was discussed. Chanel Melin moved to fund Sam Edmunds, Mike Miller, and Nicole James in the amount of \$600 to

attend the Conference; Jon Drewes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. Erika Donner reminded the Section about the rest of this year's ABA conferences:

- ABA Midyear, Boston, MA, Feb. 12-14, 2009 (statements of interest due Dec. 11, 2008).
- ABA/YLD Spring Conference, New Orleans, LA, May 14-16, 2009 (statements due March 12, 2009).
- ABA Annual, Chicago, IL, July 30-Aug. 1, 2009 (statements due May 7, 2009).

D. NLS Listserv: Erika Donner discussed the NLS Listserv, which had been used a few years ago and that now, while still in existence, has not been used for some time. There was discussion among the Section about whether membership in the Listserv would be voluntary (it would be); whether there would be a moderator (there would not be); and what topics would be appropriate for discussion. There was general agreement that the Listserv should be revived.

E. Attractive Nuisance Tour ("ANT") funding: ANT is scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2008 at Fine Line Music Café. Lacey Anderson moved to have the Section donate \$100 to ANT, and to revisit the funding issue at the end of the Section year to discuss additional funding for next year's ANT; Mike Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Amendment of Bylaws: Erika Donner discussed the need to amend the Section's Bylaws to provide for succession on the Council from Secretary to Treasurer, rather than vice versa as is currently provided for. Kimberly Lange and Mike Espenson volunteered to help draft the amendment.

G. Josh Colburn moved to approve the Committee Chairs as follows:

- CLE Committee: Jennifer Lurken and Margie Jennings (co-chairs)
- Social Committee: Chanel Melin
- Hearsay publication: Shanda Pearson and Sam Edmunds (editors)
- Community Service Committee: David Classen

The motion was seconded by Paul Edlund. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Liaison Appointments: Margie Jennings moved to approve liaisons as follows:

- Labor & Employment: Jodee McCallum; Jody Ward

- Criminal Justice: Sam Edmunds
- Tax: Ann Petersen
- International Business: John Kindseth; Kimberly Lange
- Employee Benefits: Brita de Malignon
- Probate and Trust: Mia Peterson; Zach Volk
- Computer and Technology: Jeffrey Anderson; Todd Schenk
- Public Law: Michael Goodwin
- Civil Litigation: Joy Anderson; Melissa Wendland
- Legislative: Jon Drewes
- Business Law: John Remaker; Meredith Bauer
- Health Law: Mike Espenson; Erin Furlong
- Real Property: Nikki McCain; Mike Cimino
- Elder Law: Sarah McGuire
- Judiciary Committee: Valerie LeMaster
- Construction: Chanel Melin
- Human Rights Committee: Nicole Haaning
- Professionalism Committee: Laurie Young
- Art & Entertainment Law: Maxwell Felsheim

Josh Colburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- I. Hearsay: The deadline for submissions for the Fall issue are due Friday, September 19, 2008. Those interested in making a submission for future issues should let Shanda Pearson or Sam Edmunds know.
- J. CLE Committee: There is a free, one-credit CLE scheduled for October 16, 2008, in the hour immediately before the Section's meeting, regarding the importance of an independent judiciary. Two speakers will be present. A CLE is being considered for January.
- K. Social Committee: The winter social is scheduled for December 4, 2008. A \$10 donation will be requested of attendees.
- L. Community Service Committee: If anyone would like to help with fundraising for Toys for Tots for winter social, let Erika Donner or Chanel Melin know.

### **III. Reports**

- A. Officer Reports
  - i. Secretary—Charlie Delbridge: No report.
  - ii. Treasurer—Christina Weber:

- Christina Weber moves to approve \$200 funding for happy hour to follow the meeting; Kimberly Lange seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

iii. Vice Chair—Lacee Anderson

- Planning has begun for the MSBA Annual Convention, which will take place in Duluth this year.

iv. Chair—Erika Donner

- There is a fundraiser for Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) at Graves 601 on Friday, September 19, 2008.

B. Affiliate Reports

- i. Hennepin County: The first Lunch with Judges of the year is on October 1, 2008. Judge Chu will be present. Further, there is a CLE on December 4. Finally, everyone is encouraged to attend ANT.
- ii. Ramsey County: No report.
- iii. ABA/YLD: Mike Miller encouraged anyone that was interested to look at the report about the Annual Convention in New York.

C. Liaison Reports: No reports.

**IV. Adjournment**

- A. Chanel Melin moved to adjourn; Mike Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

**2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

MSBA NLS

Prepared by Christina M. Weber  
Submitted 20, 2007

<u>Categories of Expenses</u>	<u>Allocated Funds</u>	<u>* Suggested Breakdown for Travel</u>	
Travel *	\$8,250.00	Annual Meeting (Aug. 2008, New York, NY)	(2 people at \$300.00) \$600.00
		ABA Fall Conference (Oct., 2008, San Diego, CA)**	(3 people at \$600.00) \$1,800.00
Meetings	\$1,000.00	ABA Mid-year Meeting (Feb., 2008, Boston, MA)	(3 people at \$800.00) \$2,400.00
		ABA Spring Conference (Apr., 2008, New Orleans, L.A.)**	(3 people at \$750.00) \$2,250.00
Programs and Outreach	\$1,250.00	ABA Annual Meeting (Aug., 2008, Chicago, IL)***	(3 people at \$400.00) \$1,200.00
Affiliate Outreach	\$300.00		
Socials	\$1,500.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>
Newsletter/MSBA Service Fees	\$300.00		
Annual Convention	\$2,500.00		
Recruitment	\$400.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>		
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0.00		
** Eligible for additional \$200.00 ABA Reimbursement			
*** Traditionally included in next year's budget (funding for conference fee only)			

