

OUTSTATE PRACTICE SECTION  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 @ 4:45 p.m. by conference call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Carlson, Dennis O'Toole, Erik Askegaard, Mike Ford, Paul Hunt, Candy Riordan

COUNCIL LIAISON: Tamara Patton

GUEST: Dan O'Connor, Young Lawyers Section representative

CALL TO ORDER: 4:47 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no discussion regarding the minutes from the October 4th meeting. Mike Ford moved to approve, motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial activity reports for the quarter ending 9-30-2011 were included in the meeting packet. It was decided to table discussion regarding the reports until the next meeting.

OUTSTATE COUNCIL BROCHURE AND WEBSITE STATUS: Tamara reported on the status of the brochure and website. It was decided by consensus that the brochures would not be sent out to the councils until the website was up and running.

Discussion was held regarding what content was desired for the website. Dennis expressed a preference for the names of towns to somehow be displayed for consumer ease as opposed to searching by counties. Members brainstormed various databases such as searching by dialogue box, zip code, or city list. The council was reminded that these features would likely increase the final cost. It was decided to table the website choice until the next meeting. In the interim, Tamara, Dennis, and Paul Hunt would explore these ideas with the website developer via conference call and provide a report in December.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION REQUEST: Dan O'Connor from the Young Lawyers Section introduced himself as the liaison appointed to our section. His request for the council was an inquiry as to whether there was interest in pursuing out of state networking opportunities. He stated the focus would be on 3 to 4 large cities to begin with and then to evaluate those efforts before proceeding further. While some mention was made that this may be beyond the scope of our organization's mission, Mike felt the concept worthy of consideration as a source for referrals to local counsel and volunteered to work with Dan on some ideas.

OTHER BUSINESS: Prior to the meeting, Paul Carlson had sent out an e-mail regarding various proposed legislation from other sections. He asked if there were any thoughts about the section commenting on any proposals. Some discussion was held regarding the alternate service and publication proposal from the Family Law Section. No motion was made, however, the debate was tabled until the next meeting.

Mike reported on a scheduling conflict with the William Mitchell event and a new date was agreed upon for April 3, 2012 with confirmation to follow at the December meeting. Further contact would be made regarding scheduling an event with St. Thomas. Financial contributions from our section toward these events were discussed. Mike proposed \$500 as an appropriate amount. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Candy, and unanimously approved to allocate \$500-750 per school event.

ADJOURN: There being no other business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Candy Riordan