

OUTSTATE PRACTICE SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2011 - 4:45 PM, CONFERENCE CALL

Present: Paul Carlson, Mike Ford, Dustan Cross, Sam Rufer, Dennis O'Toole

Council Liaison: Tamara Patton

Absent:

Called to Order: 4:45 p.m.

Secretary's Report: There was no discussion regarding the minutes. Mike F moved to approve, Sam R seconded, no further discussion and the minutes were approved..

Treasurer's Report: None.

Old Business

1. Brochures. Paul is writing a letter to section members, Paul will give an update on brochures and website. Brochures will go out with the letter.
2. No price quote has been obtained from Blue Earth. Tamara has been in the process of meeting with MSBA personnel to determine the best process to get the information on the website. Needed clarification on how to break up regions. District Bar association map, county map. Dennis O'Toole discussed making sure it's actually someone in the city they are searching for. Sam Rufer suggested doing it on a county level. Paul suggested typing searching for an attorney in a specific city, and adding a parameter that allows for searching within a specific radius. Discussed allowing members to update their own profiles. Settled on Tamara obtaining a price quote for a county based region search, and allowing members to access and update their own profiles. Whether or not we could update the profiles on our own would come down to what costs less. The MSBA database would not be linked to this website.

New Business

1. Outstate Section Action Plan. Left off last time at Law Student and New Lawyer Outreach. Discussed putting on our annual meeting in front of students again. Discussed holding it at other schools. Mike will contact Lisa at St. Thomas to see if they are interested, and we will reach out to other law schools. Also discussed having a presence at the Law School Mixer. Tamara went over the Section Services materials that she had previously provided to the council.
2. Approved a \$250.00 donation to the Mock Trial Program.