

ISB Animal Law Section

Meeting Minutes-January 13, 2014

I. Call to Order

a. Roll:

Heather Cunningham
Adam Karp
Shannon Clark
Rick Freeman
Lisa Kauffman

Michael Wheeler
Linda Pall
Scott Davis
Elham Marder
Sunrise Ayers

Joe Larsen
Wade Hyder
Nance Ceccarelli

II. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Governing Council approved minutes for April, May, June, Aug., Sept., Nov. and December. Need 10 section members present to approve minutes, however Governing Council can approve if half of those members are in attendance.

III. Officer Elections

- a. Section Bylaws state Chair cannot serve 2 consecutive terms, so we need to determine whether this should be amended.
- b. After discussion of voting procedures, determined that electronic voting via email was the most successful method for getting responses. Sending out ballot to entire section for voting on the following positions:
 - i. **Chair-** Heather nominated to remain in Chair role for 2014.
 - ii. **Vice Chair-** Adam Karp and Linda Pall both interested. After discussion, Linda volunteered to be an At-Large member and help coordinate CLEs.
 - iii. **Secretary/Treasurer-** Sunrise was nominated and accepted to take over this position.
 - iv. **At Large Members-** Linda Pall, Wade Hyder, Rick Freeman, Nance Ceccarelli
 - v. **CLE/Pro Bono Coordinator-** This is a new position that Linda has expressed interest in taking over.

IV. Budget

- a. Section currently \$300 in the red from 2013 operating budget, and projected \$500 in the red for 2014.

- b. Suggestions to solicit section members and/or law firms for donations. Possibly including a blurb with future emails about needing donations, and getting overlap members from sections with related interests (i.e. the family law section.)
- c. Discussed having lunch at meetings to encourage membership, however it is not a viable option in the budget at this point.
 - i. Possibility of doing potlucks in the future and rotate through a different section member bringing lunch at each meeting. Would require solid RSVPS and a headcount.
- d. Idea to have a scholarship to help people attend future CLEs, and maybe selling tables and booth space at larger CLEs.
- e. Possibility of selling ads for the newsletter? Rules prohibit logos of corporations in electronic newsletters, but we can do a link to their website for more information.
- f. Linda offered to ask the Family Law section if they would consider donating all proceeds from the April 10th CLE to the ALS, as Family Law Section has a surplus of funds.
- g. Members encouraged to attend meetings in person if they can, as conference call system charges the section \$3 for each person calling in to monthly meetings.
- h. Decided to revisit the budget discussion in June after membership information is back.
 - i. Need to plan for fundraisers in the future.
- i. Budget moved for submission.

V. Section Survey Results

- a. Section survey results were handed out and emailed, also available on the website for future reference.
- b. Interest in retaining newsletter, but a problem with finding people to contribute. Discussed the option of doing a listserv in lieu of newsletter. Rick offered to continue working on this and get it running.

VI. 2014 Meeting Schedule

- a. Section voted to move meetings to every other month, with the next meeting occurring in March. Meetings will still be the second Monday of the month at noon.
- b. Meetings will still have a free 30 minute CLE, provided we can continue to find speakers.

VII. Membership Update

- a.** Still need to push for increased membership to be in compliance with Bar rules. Members encouraged to bring a friend to a meeting to attend a free CLE, and then join. Great value in a free 30 minute CLE every other month.

VIII. Upcoming Joint CLE

- a.** Upcoming CLE for Washington Animal Law Section on how animal law issues are shaping modern legal practice.
 - i.** Link with more information on the website.
- b.** John McGowen wants to speak at our next meeting about the ADR section. Perhaps we should consider doing this for all other sections to spread the word about ALS.
- c.** Adam suggested Regional CLEs with Idaho, Washington, Oregon animal law sections.
 - i.** Potential to do webinars. Possible restraints on state bars working with other state bars and logistics of coordinating. Mahmood suggested doing a Regional CLE through one of the law schools to help increase attendance and make planning easier.
- d.** Heather mentioned there are some groups who have a funded budget to provide speakers at CLEs. Will look into this and see if it's a possibility for us. Sunrise suggested getting ALDF Idaho membership list, and attendance list for the Lewis and Clark Animal Law Conference for potential membership recruits.
- e.** **April 10th CLE**: Joint with Family Law Section. Please try to attend if possible.

IX. Adjourn