

FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING
BY TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF October 21, 2009 Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chairman Linda Pall. Present were Linda Pall, Lois Fletcher, Allison Brace, Audrey Numbers, John Schroeder and Lisa Rodriguez.

2. August Meeting Minutes were deferred to the October meeting. September minutes were approved were approved.

* Correction to the August, 2009 Minutes; Lisa Rodriguez was present at this meeting, not Lisa Rasmussen. (LKF)

3. Treasurer's Report revealed that as of this date, we do not have a current report, only the July 31, 2009 report, showing assets of \$35, 840.00. Linda said that there was a \$600.00 advertising expense not shown on this report as well as a bill for speaking at the new Bar admittees luncheon. The total not reflected is approximately \$1500.00.

4. Chair's Report:

Linda Pall attended the new Bar admittee luncheon.

It is intended to form a By-Law Review Committee. A Financial Committee was named to include the following section members;

Lois Fletcher, Chair

John Schroeder

Lisa Rodriguez

Linda Pall, ex officio member

Discussion was held as to the numbers of entities requesting funds from our section. We will be allocating a specific percentage of our annual budget to charitable giving.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee reports:

List Serve Committee: No report is available.

Legislative/Rules Committee: John Schroeder reported that proposed "de facto custodian" and proposed grandparent statutes were handed out at the Family Law Seminar and were well received. These statutes will be sent to all Family Law Section members.

CLE Committee: Audrey Numbers reported that the three October Seminars were successful. John Schroeder added that the seminar room was packed with participants. High praise is given to Erika Klein, John Cutler and James MacDonald for their exemplary hard work in assisting with these CLE's. A November CLE on

Collaborative Law will be presented on November 6 and 7th, with an extended date to October 25th for discount price. 25 participants have signed up as of this date. It is anticipated that expenses for this CLE will be closely met. Audrey intends to pay for the speakers' dinner and she will be reimbursed for this cost.

In 2010, John Cutler and Audrey will share the work of putting CLE's together. There will be a CLE in Boise in March, chaired by Debrha Carnahan with Erika Klein and Kirstin Dutcher. Audrey will chair a July CLE. In October, John Cutler will chair a CLE to take place in three areas of the State. He will be assisted by James MacDonald.

2. Mediation Project: Linda reported that a few of the mediation project members attended the recent Coeur d'Alene mediation seminars.

3. Discussion of Requests for funding:

Jim Cook, of Legal Aid, requested \$5,000.00 for translators for 50 clients
Kelly Miller, of "Partners," requested \$2,000.00 for teen violence program
Carol Craighill and Mary Hobson, of IVLP, requested \$6,000.00 for the SoundStart program staff.

John Schroeder and Lisa Rodriguez were concerned about what percentage of our budget should be allocated to gifting. Lois Fletcher suggested that we should give some smaller amount to each requesting group.

Linda was startled at the magnitude of SoundStart's request. The council proposed that we should consider giving the following amounts; \$2K each to Legal Aid and Kelly Miller's program and \$2.5 K to SoundStart

Linda Pall will send a proposal to Family Law Section members to be ratified at the November meeting. Comments/proposals must be received back by November 10.

B. NEW BUSINESS

Projects from Annual Strategic Meeting held in July:

An annual retreat was discussed for Family Law council members and interested section members. The Section would sponsor a substantial portion of the retreat, such as room and board. Lois Fletcher and Lisa Rodriguez will chair the Retreat Committee.

Linda will trawl the FLS membership roll for help with improving our web site communication with possibly Kent Fletcher and Mike Kraynick assisting.

The 2009-2010 meeting schedule was noted.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted by Lois K. Fletcher

