

Family Law Section Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Melanie Baillie.
2. Roll Call (with bar #s added in): Melanie Baillie, Lisa Rodriguez, Jennifer Schindele, Douglas Leavitt, Tom Dial, Karin Seubert, Tom Smith, Sarah Mello, Jennifer Brumley, Fred Zundel, Tyler Rounds, Michael Kraynick, Mackenzie Whatcott, Wes Wilhite
3. February minutes – Approved.
4. Financials – Melanie notes there is not a lot to report at this time. We are still collecting dues at this time. January financials approved.
5. Old business –
 - a. List Serve – vote to move forward – to committee
 - i. This is getting to be more of an issue. Jen Brumley notes that there have been more complaints about not getting access to listserve. Discussion about L-Soft and Trialsmith as possible options for listserve. Motion to allow committee to move forward on getting new Listserve host. Motion approved.
 - b. Request to allow Melanie Baillie and Jen Brumley to attend the AFCC conference in Louisiana in May, 2015.
 - i. The section by-laws provide that officers should attend the conference and then put on a CLE for the section. Melanie notes that she and Jen have agreed to put on the CLE at the annual meeting this year in Sun Valley based on the conference. Jen noted that the subject matter is regarding children as witnesses and their role in custody cases. Discussion about AFCC conference. Motion to pay for Melanie and Jen to attend AFCC conference. Motion approved.
 - c. Articles for the Advocate issue.
 - i. Tom Smith says they have enough articles (6 proposals) with a variety of topics. The due date is in November 2015. We may need editorial committee to review articles.
 - d. ½ hour CLEs are they a good thing? (be sure you get credit)
 - i. Discussion that these are good and a good way to benefit members with free CLE's for the membership cost. Email Jennifer Schindele, Melanie Baillie or Karin Seubert about any topic suggestions.
6. New Business
 - a. Committee reports
 - i. CLE committee—Jennifer Schindele notes that committee will be meeting this afternoon to talk about April CLE since Ada County is doing same topic the following week. We are planning for October CLE's. We would like to get feedback on ½ hour CLEs and any comments about them.
 - ii. Communication Committee—nothing further to report beyond listserve issue.
 - iii. Legislative committee—Michael Kraynick notes that there is nothing new to report at this time. Final judgment rule—Children and Family in the Courts Committee is weighing changes to proposed rule. Section has been asked to provide input to the CFCC Committee but we need to be careful about what input we can provide. Request to have information disseminated to section members so that members can comment on proposed rule changes. Melanie said she will have the bar send out a notice on the listserve to members about the CFCC rule proposal.

- iv. Technology Committee—Mackenzie Whatcott has been working on the forms and revamping them to conform with the new family law rules. We will target the formbook to be available at the October CLE meeting (and would probably need to get to publisher by 1st of September). Discussion about having hard copies vs. digital copies of the formbooks. The committee will discuss this. Discussion about old formbooks that Melanie is storing in her garage. The formbooks are outdated with new family law rules but could donate the actual binders. Motion to have Melanie get rid of forms and donate binders to organization who can use them. Motion approved.
- v. District Support Committee—Tom Smith notes no new developments.
- vi. Special Projects and Awards—Section decided to no longer have special reception but to still give the family law award. We still need to decide when award will be given, at time of annual meeting or October CLE. We need to get a new plaque for the award this year which has been budgeted.
- b. Professionalism and Ethics section and Government and Public Sector donation request
 - i. Request for donation request for mentorship program for 1st year law students at both Idaho law schools to have lawyers and judges address professionalism and ethics issues with students. Total program cost is \$10,000. Discussion about table all donation requests until April meeting to determine how to address donation requests. Motion to address issue at April meeting. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.