

# **LITIGATION SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes of September 18, 2009**

**1. Attendance:**

John Zarian (Councilperson; Chairperson); Wyatt Johnson (Councilperson); Mark S. Geston (Councilperson; Secretary), William VanHole (Councilperson; Treasurer), John Goodell (Councilperson; by telephone), Kim Toryanski (Councilperson; by telephone), Wendy Olson, Michael Mehall, and Terri Muse.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

Bill VanHole reviewed the July financial statement and noted that it showed over budget of approximately \$500, but that was within expectations. He attributed this to CLE income.

**3. Grapes Against Wrath Contribution:**

John Zarian noted that the Section had previously approved a \$1000 contribution for the Women's and Children's Alliance in north Idaho and moved that a similar contribution be made to the October 15 Grapes Against Wrath dinner sponsored by the Young Lawyers Association, and this was unanimously approved.

**4. Practice Sections Policies on Retained Funds:**

Wyatt Johnson reported on the progress of the Practice Section determination of the policy for cash retained by the various Part Sections. Teri Muse further commented that the Bar Commission had agreed on an aggregate "fund the balance carryover" policy that would limit funds retained by each Section to amounts determined on a per capita basis, and that the formal policy would be issued the following week. She indicated that the Litigation Section is already operating within the new guidelines.

**5. Approval of Prior Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 6, 2009 telephonic meeting of the Council were unanimously approved.

**6. 2009 Calendar of Meetings:**

John Zarian proposed that future in Council meetings be on the third Friday of each month and this was agreed.

John Zarian suggested that the monthly Council meetings be combined with a half-hour CLE to attract attendance by more of the membership, and a discussion was had thereon. It was noted that other Sections have successfully integrated CLEs with the regular business meetings. Teri Muse commented on the administrative formalities of qualifying for CLE credit. It was

agreed that the Council should plan a half-hour CLE for the November 20, 2009 business meeting. Additionally, Bill VanHole agreed to attempt recruiting a Fourth District Judge to attend at the December 18, 2009 business meeting, reviving a discussion from the beginning of the year about improving relations between the Section and the judiciary.

**7. State Bar Chairpersons Meeting on September 25, 2009:**

John Zarian will be unavailable and Kim Toryanski volunteered to attend in his stead.

**8. October 2010 CLE in Sun Valley:**

A discussion was had about the general topic being "Technology and the Law." Teri Muse will review available dates to see if there is some alternative scheduling available in Sun Valley in the autumn to accommodate attendance by more members. There was a discussion about refining topics and identifying speakers. Bill VanHole volunteered to work on planning.

Teri Muse reported that reservations been made in Sun Valley for October 21-22, 2010. Wyatt Johnson said that John Zarian had volunteered to head organization for that meeting.

**9. Adjournment:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.