

October 23, 2020 Child Protection Section, Governing Council meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

Members present: Galen Carlson, Krista Howard, Lisa Nordstrom and Janice Beller.

Access to Justice Donation: Galen shared letter received from the Access to Justice Organization requesting a generous donation. In the past, the section has not donated. That was, in part, because we were just getting started and working off a grant. The donation is on the agenda for the Section meeting. Right now, we have just over \$75 per member. Recommend donating \$250.

Janice commented that the letter is a strong suggestion, and believes a small donation would be appropriate.

Krista supports a donation.

Lisa commented about the value to the community in the efforts of Access to Justice and agrees that a donation seems appropriate.

Galen will recommend to the Section a donation of \$250.

Advocate Sponsorship: Galen reached out to Julie Kane, Chair of the Indian Law Section, to see if it would like to co-sponsor the Advocate with us in 2022, including, perhaps, the overlap of the areas of law. Julie needs to address it with her Section. Galen let the Bar know we are looking at a co-sponsorship.

Janice: Changes with ICWA and BIA guidelines bring up good issues to address in practice along with Family First.

Galen: This would be a good opportunity to explain the Tribes' positions on how the state child protection system is doing around the state regarding its members, and offer suggestions for improvement.

Lisa: This may provide broader access to issues that are arising around the nation. Maybe we should also consider partnering with the Diversity section, to look at the disproportionate minority representation in the foster care system.

Annual Meeting: will be in April, along with our conference.

CP Committee announced that the "green books" and bench cards are available online and will be putting together and providing a limited number of free, bound books.

Lisa: will let Family Advocates know the books and bench cards are available.

Service Project: Galen: Another good recipient of our support is CASA programs throughout the state. Perhaps we should make them our service project for the Spring Conference.

Lisa: The seven CASA programs worked together to submit a report to the legislature. Supporting CASA seems like a good fit for the Section. They are always looking for resources to help.

Galen: Let's choose all seven CASA programs for our conference's service project. Asked Lisa to help start the process by asking for interest/participation statewide involving all 7 directors and finding out the best way to help.

Janice: Idahocasa.org exists and lists a board of directors and staff. The presentation they take to legislature might be something we can present during our conference.

Lisa: Report filed on this month is in print. Monies flow through Supreme Court. Supreme Court is looking for 3rd party administrator.

Janice: They could use our conference as a platform for who they are and what CASA does.

Lisa agreed to talk to Family Advocates' CASA Director, Darci, about annual meeting, service project ideas, and status of a statewide CASA director. Lisa will check in with all 7 directors or ask Darci to do so.

CLE Topics for meetings and conference:

Maybe we can recruit a GAL to provide perspective of GAL. In January or February, will have a CLE on Independent Living Services by DHW program manager. In February or April at the conference, Christine Salmi agreed to provide a case review of her successful GAL appeal to Supreme Court involving placement of a child out of the country without a home study. In March, Bar Counsel Brad Andrews will provide an ethics CLE, with a focus on responsibilities attendant to attorney-client communication and direction given by the client to the attorney prior to disappearing.

April Conference:

Judge Lorello is willing to provide a case update

Other ideas: Family First, Dept updates, Paternity and Impact on CP cases, informal panel discussion with a GAL, a volunteer GAL Attorney, and a CASA Director. Department referrals/risk assessment and how it works. Follow up with Alana for speaker recommendation.

Janice: it would be great to have Christine Salmi present at the April conference. Support the panel presentation idea.

Conference location: Perkins Coie has graciously agreed to donate a space for 45 people, but if social distancing is still in effect, it would be 10. They are holding the space. Should it be virtual or shall we wait on COVID?

Lisa and Krista agree virtual conference due to state of COVID and uncertainty.

Janice: would be good to see a list of potential topics and then can narrow or group topics for the conference.

Galen: agenda lists the topics but will also have them for the next meeting, adding the new suggestions today.

Adjourned at 11:59 a.m.