

Family Law Section Meeting 12-18-2020

Present

Sarah

Melanie Baillie Tyler

Regan Charlton

Mackenzie Whatcott

Huntly law ?

Leah Shotwell

Tim Wilson

Jennifer Brumley

Teresa Baker

Fred Zundel

Wendy Powell-

Shelley Akamatu

Tyler rounds

Jennifer Schindele

Kierstyn McGlott...

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from last meeting approved

NEW BUSINESS

Budge – CLE expense – not all this year

Most all paid to Limelight

End of October financials – move and second to approve. No discussion. Motion carried

Drew Dickerson from Access to Justice presenting request for donation – charitable gift to access to justice this year. Overview of what it is and how the money is being spent this year.

Legal / social safety net

Idaho legal aid, disability rights Idaho,

Most money spent on DV cases. Some on house and some on guardianship and elder abuse issues as well.

Disability rights spending time around

Increase of 700 cases for Idaho Legal Aid. Significant increase. Biggest increase housing. Family law also up as well as DV cases.

Seen increase about 100% request for wills and 200% increase in advance directives and end of life planning issues.

Where the money has been spent.

Philosophy – get the most out of every dollar spent.

Advice lines have been expanded. Some of the funds have gone to overhead and development of that project. Very effective this last year.

In about month will create parallel program in Spanish.

Use of funds would be for federal protection issues such as housing protections. Housing will continue to be a big issue. Second biggest issue increase is DV calls in context of domestic relations. Believe that these will continue to increase through pandemic.

He thanks us for previous donations. Need and timing of request could not be better.

No specific amount requesting. Does not know what specific historical amounts have been, but probably inline increase with what they have had. Anything his helpful.

Family law cases increase of 13% this year. Can't give us a specific number

With no questions Drew was excused. We appreciate work being done for community.

Will let him know outcome of discussions and request.

#### OTHER FINANCE RELATED THINGS

2021 budget due on January 15 – at same time as meeting – ideally want to make decisions today.

Budget priorities –

Can carry over some funds if we ask.

Big expenses for CLE next year.

Only formal request for donation

CLE big – also going to do 2 service awards this year

Leah: with donations, oldest budget she has is from march, 2019, shows zero in donations.

All amounts of excess last year were carried over

Paid the entire deposit to Limelight which was \$23k + dollars

The amount paid 30 days before is for food deposit and such after we know who will be there.

Regan's speaker has not been paid. \$2500 for fee plus travel expenses. Used Sarah's presenter this year for CLE.

Sarah: Needs some wiggle room to bring in someone else. A lot of people will be doing in person events again. High quality speakers cost a lot of money

Jen Brumley: likes idea of a cushion and does not want to give it all to Access to Justice and asks that we reserve whatever we choose to do.

Leah: 2-4k donation and carryover remainder. Because want to bring in high quality speakers plus travel costs. Need a cushion.

Tyler – Bar won't let us pay it out right?

Sarah does not think we will have a problem getting a waiver if we ask. But we have to decide if we want to have her do the proposal. Need to give us some leeway on it.

Leah: The bar suggested they were going to ask for carryovers.

MEB: bar is likely to give carryover if we have a reason.

Fred: doesn't want to say much

MEB: 5-6k proposal

Sarah – 5k

Jen B. – 5k

Wendy – 5k

MEB moved \$5000k to access justice Mackenzie second – motion carried.

Leah moved to request carryover jen Brumley 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried. Sarah will prepare motion for carry over. (leaves \$12,722 for CLE carryover expense)

MEB to prepare budget to circulate before meeting

Sarah to bring up some issues for MEB guidance:

1. in person v. virtual meetings – significant expense

Regan – hybrid would be good. Some in person and some zoom in. Rather than phone meetings, she has enjoyed the zoom option.

Tim Wilson – Zoom allows him a lot more communication than even thinking about going to meetings in person

Jen Brumley – likes to go down to see everyone on occasion – if in person, allow us to appear by zoom. Quarterly meetings to see everyone in person would be good

Jan in person, April in person, October in person – MEB to budget

annual meeting in July – attendance is spotty.

Sarah: Conference travel – will be doing that this year? Should we keep in budget? Leah yes keep on budget. AFCC and ABA family law conference etc. Yes keep it on the budget

MEB: Admin expense for bar staff

Sarah: already built in

Sarah: want to bring up personnel – election was left too late last couple of year. Members of the board were not able to get on board before April planning meeting. She suggests submit call for nominations this month. Review in January and call out elections. Announce in Feb. then can be at March meeting and will be ready to jump in come April annual planning meeting. Sarah felt it was a rush because no transition time. Sarah thinks transition would be good.

Sarah: any objections to put call out for nominations now? Leah is fine with that.

Jennifer Schindele – do bylaws restrict our ability to call for nominations sooner? Do we have to amend?

Article 7 – bylaws regarding annual meeting – review of bylaws belief that we can do a call for nominations now (must be 2 months before)

Sarah: Terms would not end early only that start process sooner

Jennifer Schnidele – believes as long as nominations called out 2 months before election doesn't matter when we do it.

Sarah: proposes putting it up on the list serve and Bar will send email also which is official way. No one objecting to putting it on the list serve. Any additional issues? No

Sarah asks any more issues re: personnel manners

#1 – no report

#2 chair Leah Shotwell – nothing to report – members, Tyler, Regan and Sarah schedule a time next month to have a zoom meeting to decide who will be coming in. Leah will set it up.

#3 Leah – she dropped the ball. Nothing to report. She will have something next month

#4 – legis update – McKenize nothing

#5 – Forms – Fred – rule numbering changes that are still in committee. Mackenzie has slowly begun work. Sarah believes numbering change will happen. Mackenzie when will it happen? Sarah on big committee last week and came down on side of renumbering of rules and leave placeholder. All rules to be renumbered in this revision. To extent that there are number changes in the rules, do not want to do the work.

Sarah: Trying to be ready for committee vote in Feb. and send to supreme Court so it would go into effect July. Not all committee members in favor of rule changes. Mackenzie is reluctant to make changes.

Sarah: maybe keep child support numbered same but a lot of others changed. May be new rules too

Nothing else on publications

#6 – technology – Jennifer Schindele – 2 people from Mackenzie’s firm who were kicked off list serve and emails getting bounced. If any one have trouble, let us know will direct them to Teresa Baker

#7 – ad hoc

#8 – special awards and projects no report

Any new business?

Move to adjourn. Second. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:54 A.M.