

FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

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MINUTES OF August 19 2009 Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chairman Linda Pall.
2. Present: Fred Zundel; David Hyde; Lisa Rasmussen; Lois Fletcher; Audrey Numbers; Michael Kraynick; Debra Alsaker-Burke; Joanne Kibodeaux; Tom Dial; Kent Fletcher; Dayna Ferrero and John Schroeder.
3. June 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved. There was a discussion regarding the Annual Meeting. Liz Brandt was named as and accepted the position of an ex officio member of the council.
4. Treasurer's Report revealed that the Section's Total Liabilities and Net Assets were \$35,840.00

5. Chair's Report:

Linda presented the newly elected Section Council members; Debra Alsaker-Burke; Audrey Numbers; Lisa Rodriguez and Joanne Kibodeaux.

David Hyde attended the Bar Commissioners' Meeting with regard to their proposed policy that section funds be funneled into the Bar's general fund. He reported that the Commissioners listened very nicely to his statement in opposition to their policy, but gave no indication of how they would vote. David further reported that Newal Squires was highly in favor of retaining the funds for the Bar. The matter is on the agenda for the Commissioners' September meeting. Dayna Ferrero will keep us apprised of the progress of this issue. Linda Pall suggested that another letter might be in order.

Kent Fletcher said that our volunteer activities might be curtailed if funds are held back. John Schroeder asked if the Bar needs these Section dollars to sustain itself.

It was moved and seconded that Linda write another letter to the Commission, voicing our concerns.

6. Committee reports:

List Serve Committee: Continues to be active and helpful.

Handbook Committee: Tom Dial announced that September 5th was the drop-dead date for submission of articles. Paul Buser sent an article regarding divorce vis a vis the elderly. Chuck Bauer has revised his article re UCCJA.

Survey Committee: Our survey was presented to the Bar Commission as part of the Annual Report. The Committee's work is much appreciated.

Legislative and Rules Committee: Nothing is going on until the Legislature reconvenes in three months. The Committee asked that if anyone hears of any rumored bills, please report them to the committee. It was suggested that the Legislature should be encouraged to read Philip Bevis' law review article about grandparents' rights.

The Diversity Section has proposed a bill with special needs children in mind.

CLE Committee: The CLE about the use of 1040 forms in discovery, presented at the annual Bar meeting, was well attended. In October, there will be CLE's for new attorneys and attorneys who don't normally work in the Family Law arena. These will be held in Boise, East Idaho and North Idaho. Erika Klein, James MacDonald and John Cutler are working on getting the speakers. The cost will be \$175.00 unless the participant agrees to take a pro bono case, in which case the cost will be \$75.00 with a Handbook.

Collaborative Law speakers have been assembled and this training will satisfy certification requirements. The training will take place on November 6 & 7 at the Hotel 43. This CLE is being cosponsored by the Intermountain Collaborative Law Group.

No CLE's have been planned for 2010 at this point, but Audrey will convene the CLE committee.

Linda Pall suggested asking the Bar to suggest some topics.

Mediation Project: There will be a training in Coeur d'Alene in October from the 7th through the 9th. Joanne Kibodeaux was appointed to chair the Mediation Committee. Lois Fletcher was asked to send Thank You notes to the planners, presenters and hosts of the mediation project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mentoring Committee Tore Beal-Gwartney and Audrey Numbers agreed to chair this committee. Job descriptions will be needed for the mentor and the "mentee", although they should not be rigid. Linda will share information from the Diversity Committee

Linda requested a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2009-2010. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lois K. Fletcher

