

MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2010

FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Linda Pall welcomed the participants who included:

Fred Zundel, John Schroeder, Lisa Rodriguez, David Hyde, Teri Muse, Lois Fletcher and Debra Alsaker Burke.

Minutes from the November Section Meeting were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's Report revealed \$44,000.00. \$57,000.00 as income, \$22,000.00 as outflow, with \$22,000.00 carry over.

Finance Committee: John Schroeder stated that he felt that the Bar charges reasonable fees. Linda Pall took the proposed budget from the Finance Committee and tweaked it. It was then submitted to Teri Muse.

Judicial Recruitment Committee: Submissions are all reviewed. Linda requested feedback within a week.

Section Leadership Council: We have a possibility of joining with the International Law Section to present international custody issues. (Debra Alsaker-Burke asked about the possibility of incorporating a one half hour CLE into our meetings.) The perspective on spend down issues differs in all sections of the Bar. Debra and Lois Fletcher agreed to attend the next leadership meeting next Tuesday if their calendars permit.

By-Laws Committee: A report will be forthcoming at the February 18th Council meeting.

Legislative and Rules: The grandparent grass roots group is sponsoring a grandparent visitation bill in this legislature. Bob Aldridge's opinion has not changed in that he is concerned about the constitutionality of the proposed bill in light of *Troxell*. There is as yet no information as to when this bill might be introduced.

Jennifer Hammerle asked this committee to review the fees for reintroducing a modification for which there is a fee versus a paternity case where there is no fee. John Schroeder felt that since the filing fees in Oregon have gone up by 500 %, we should leave that issue alone. David Hyde concurred and feels that our fees might be increased if we challenge the current fees.

CLE Committee: Audrey Numbers is trying to reach Rene Morse with regard to presentation of a one-half hour CLE at our March in person meeting.

On April 30, Peter Sisson will participate in a CLE addressing elderly couples. Friedly and Ward with Brain Petersen will present on military divorce issues. Judge DeMeyer will be on a panel discussing poor folks and child custody evaluations. There is a possibility of a QDRO discussion also. Lunch will be served at this CLE.

James MacDonald up north, Chuck Bauer in Boise and John Cutler in East Idaho are working on a tri-area Cle addressing relocation.

The Collaborative Law Seminar cost \$10,702.00, but brought in \$9,400.00 in income, less Audrey's \$400.00 donation for the dinner.

Lyle Eliassen has resigned due to his retirement.

Audrey is taking suggestions for the July, 2010 CLE as regards speakers and topics.

Audrey then discussed the recent endorsement of the Uniform Collaborative Act by the ABA. With regard to Idaho's endorsement, Teri Muse reported that the section would need to take a vote, and then it goes to the Bar Commissioners. We can ask delegates to the ABA meeting to endorse it and Audrey will make the calls.

Family Law Council Conference on Community Property: The conference will take place on April 8 through 10 in Seattle. Tore Gwartney will present and Linda will also attend. There are two available spots. There is a free dinner reception, but a fee for the CLEs.

Strategic Planning Session: One of the concerns from the last session was improved communication. Fred Zundel is interested in getting a group started in the 7th District. He will spearhead communications with the 1st and 2nd Districts.

Linda stated that we need to get more folks at our 2010 Strategic Planning Session as last year was far from satisfactory. Audrey suggested we extend personal invitations

Mentoring: Linda inquired as to whether there is an interest in having Section members mentor interns. Lois elicited an interest. Lois moved that the Family Law Section supply names of potential interns to our group. The motion was seconded and approved and approved.

Special Annual Meeting in Idaho Falls: Linda will appoint a committee.

There will be a telephone meeting on February 17th and an in person meeting on March 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lois Fletcher

