

FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF January 19, 2011 Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chairman Linda Pall. Present were:

Lois Fletcher	Audrey Numbers
Jason Gray	Tom Dial
Lisa Rodriguez	Mary Hobson
Ellen Smith	Lisa Bowman
David Hyde	Richie Eppink
Linda Pall	Tore Beal Gwartney

2. December Minutes were approved with one correction by Tom Dial, having to do with the deadline for Handbook responses (April 1).

3. Treasurer's Report included a review of the proposed budget proposal with comments by:

i. David Hyde inquired regarding the \$1500.00 donation to the Bill of Rights project and its connection to Family Law.

ii. Audrey Numbers asked if the CLE revenue income was consistent with earlier years. After discussion, Audrey moved that the proposed budget be approved, Jason Gray seconded and the motion passed.

4. **New Projects**: Richie Eppink presented an outline of the "Families in Trouble Project," a program to assist Idaho's families in severe economic need. A special fund raiser for this project is being planned possibly in Sun Valley. Lee Rinell has offered an introduction to Jamie Lee Curtis or another celebrity who might host such a fundraiser. Mary Hobson added her support of the project. Questions and concerns included the possible tweaking of the distribution of funds, whether the project should be rolled out to all Districts in Idaho. Jason Gray volunteered to be on a committee with Ellen Smith to review the project.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee reports:

Handbook: Responses due April 1st

Work on the index will hopefully be done by Law School intern for a stipend of \$2,500.00. Deadline for the position applications will be March 7, 2011. Jason Gray offered edit or other help.

Legislative/Rules Committee: Nothing to report as yet.

CLE Committee: There will be a one hour free CLE on Direct and Cross Examination at our March 16, 2011 lunch meeting.

There will be a CLE presentation of a synopsis of the Family Law Council of Community Property New Orleans meeting by the meeting attendees. We anticipate a CLE at the Annual Bar Meeting in Sun Valley with a nationally recognized speaker.

Mediation Committee: No report at this time.

2. Family Law Section Summer Intern Program 2011: Our only role in this program will be to coordinate student interns with law firms requesting them. Students from Pacific Northwest law schools (including Idaho) and selected schools nationwide may apply to be interns by March 14th.

3. Annual Meeting: Lee Rinell, Kirsten Dutcher, Michael Kraynick, Tom Dial, Ellen Smith and Lisa Rodriguez will work on the fundraiser for "Families in Trouble" and the Award of Distinction. Nominations submitted by April 1st will be considered.

Also, nominations for four (4) pending open Family Law Council seats are due on April 1, 2011. Debbie Alsaker-Burke is appointed to coordinate nominations.

4. Family Law Council of Community Property States Symposium: March 31-April 2, 2011 in New Orleans. The attendees will be Linda Pall, Tore Beal Gwartney, Liz Brandt and possibly, Jason Gray. The subject will be Characterization,

Valuation and Division of Employment Related Benefits. Idaho will host the 2012 Symposium and ideas for topics are welcomed.

Submitted by Lois K. Fletcher