

Minutes for the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Monthly Meeting Friday, April 13, 2012

Linda Pall – calls roll – Jennifer Schindele, Brian Marshall, Karin Seubert, Lisa Rodriguez, Mahmood Sheikh, Joanne Kibodeaux, Lois Fletcher, John Schroeder, Tom Dial, Debbie Alsaker-Burke, Tore Beal-Gwartney, Melanie Baillie

March 16, 2012 minutes. . Motion to approve. All in favor; no opposed.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Rodriguez

Reviewed CLE report from Mahmood. In next few days, a March financial report will be sent to governing council to review.

A. Old Business

1. Committee reports:

- a. Handbook Committee – Tom Dial
 - i. Deadline for articles is April 15th
 - ii. Some authors have requested an extension but he has some articles ready to go.
 - iii. He's been unable to get in touch with Liz Brandt to get her information from her presentation at Coeur d'Alene CLE.
- b. Legislative/Rules Committee - John Schroeder and David Hyde
 - i. Governor has still been signing bills but hasn't been a big year for family law issues.
 - ii. Rule on not using children's names in pleadings is still in abeyance at this time. May resolve by sealing family law cases. There will be a meeting next week of Children and Family in the Courts Committee (CFCC). Discussions will include:
 - a. Standards set forth for custody evaluations.
 - b. Changes to child support guidelines.
 - iii. Linda requested that we receive periodic updates from the CFCC (Vicki Howard) to know what's going on with committee.
 - iv. Governor did sign no texting while driving bill
 - v. Bill was brought up at end of session to allow interim temporary orders to be entered for custody when Soldier/Sailor's Act is in effect. This will likely be brought up during next legislative session.
- c. CLE Committee – Joanne Kibodeaux
 - i. Co-sponsoring a CLE with International Law Section on May 9th in the morning. CLE will be addressing international custody issues.

- ii. CLE will be webcast—family law section members do get a discount to attend.
- iii. Family law section has no cost for other CLE set in June
- iv. August 3, 2012—looking at co-sponsoring CLE on Indian Welfare Act.
- v. October CLE is in planning phase and will be updated at next meeting.

B. New Business

1. Strategic Planning for 2012-2014: June 8, 2012 at Hotel 43 in Boise
 - a. Issue—Should the meeting take place before the elections or after elections in July?
 - b. Anyone who puts in a nomination to be an officer or on the governing council should be invited to the strategic planning meeting but will need to pay own travel and lodging.
 - c. Have been unable to find a facilitator for the meeting. Linda Pall is willing to be facilitator and will try to get Kent Fletcher to assist.
 - d. Travel and lodging for officers and governing council can be paid for from the governing council budget. This will reduce the cost to the strategic planning meeting budget. Other people who attend will need to pay their own way.
 - e. The costs at this point are approximately \$3,500 which includes lunch.
2. Tanya Jones discussing the time standards proposed for court cases
 - a. She is a senior planner and researcher for the Idaho Supreme Court
 - b. Her primary focus is assisting on Advancing Justice initiative with a renewed focus on timely case processing and minimizing unnecessary delay in cases but also preserving due process.
 - c. Senior Judge Barry Wood is in charge of this effort.
 - d. Will be asking the Court to set up committee for Advancing Justice and working groups for attorneys to participate in.
 - e. Time standards project with proposed IRCP 57. The unofficial goal is for 90% of cases to meet time standard. They hope to put together additional specific guidelines and speak with various groups to get their feedback.
 - f. Suggestion given to Tanya of additional groups that should be included in getting their feedback (i.e. mediators, custody evaluators, etc. who are involved in family law matters)
 - g. There will be a survey that goes out to attorneys once the specific guidelines are determined and would like to get feedback at that point from the family law section.
3. Award of Distinction—Lois Fletcher and John Schroeder
 - a. Seeking nominations and would like people from other parts of state to submit nominations so that we have a broad representation from the state.

- b. All nominations must be submitted by May 11, 2012. To nominate, need 1 page letter setting forth distinction for award. The list of prior winners is on the family law section website as no one can win the award twice.
- c. At this time, we are looking at Cottonwood Grill for the location of the reception on Thursday evening at time of Bar meeting in July.

4. Elections

- a. 3 officers are up for election and 4 governing council members
- b. Deadline is May 4, 2012 for nominations and May 15-30, 2012 will be voting period by e-mail.
- c. Candidates need to submit 100-200 word statement.
- d. Debbie Alsaker-Burke is willing to serve on governing council but would prefer not to be an officer.
- e. Lisa Rodriguez is willing to continue as secretary/treasurer and will submit nomination.
- f. Tom Dial would like to retain his spot on governing council.
- g. Linda will check with Kent Fletcher to see if he wants to retain a spot on governing council.
- h. Steven Stokes has been nominated for governing council.
- i. Joanne Kibodeaux is nominated for chairperson.
- j. Linda will check if Fred Zundel is willing to continue serving on governing council.

5. Meeting schedule 2012:

- a. Friday, May 11 (phone)
- b. Friday, June 1 (Strategic Planning in Boise)--ALL Council members must be in attendance.

6. No other business is brought up.

Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.