

ISB Family Law Section council
August 8, 2014 meeting

Present: Melanie Baille, Jennifer Schindele, Mackenzie Whatcott, Tom Smith, Jen Brumley, Karin Seubert, Mahmood Sheikh and Tore Beal Gwartney

1. Melanie Baillie chaired meeting and called to order. Led roll call.
2. No minutes.
3. Financial report: Mahmood gave financial report. As of June 30, 2014, \$26,151 in fund balance. CLE Fall series will be biggest anticipated income of year. No red flags from staff standpoint or otherwise known concerns. July financials to follow in 5-7 business days.
Melanie confirmed that the Section did approve absorbing the deficit for the joint CLE with the animal law section (\$715), subject to reimbursement from rental income. No rental income yet.
Jen Brumley moved to approve June financials, Tore seconded, passed unanimously.
4. Old business and committee reports:
 - A. Award of Distinction Reception: Melanie reported that it was a successful event. Preliminary estimate is that food/beverage costs were \$800, under \$1500 budget. Final accounting pending.
 - B. Handbook: Melanie reported that there is a new person on-board for indexing, who had a slow start, but has picked up the pace and expects to be done by August 31st, which is the deadline for materials to be used in October CLE series. Jennifer confirmed that the October CLE speakers will be creating their own materials, so not duplicative of handbook. All agreed that it was a good idea to pair the handbook in some way as an incentive for attendance. Mackenzie raised question about whether better to complete case law update now, or wait should cases be handed down in interim. Plan for now will be to supplement as needed.
 - C. October CLEs: Jennifer reported that she has been working with Judge Kibodeaux and Debra Alsaker Burke to get things set up. The topic will be "Representing Your Child Client: Child Protection and Child Custody." There will be an ethics component. They are in the process of finalizing speakers. The dates are: September 26 in Coeur d'Alene, October 17 in Idaho Falls, and October 24 in Boise.
 - D. Legislative and Rules: None.
 - E. "Other" CLEs: No committee report, but general discussion that would be great to see ½ hour CLEs together with our monthly business meetings. Melanie, Karin and Jennifer will work on this with a goal of having something in place for September meeting.
 - F. Technology: Mackenzie reported that at least two Section members have been in contact with her and others about frustrations in not being able to get on the list serve.

Inquiries have been referred to Liz Brandt. Unclear what the problem is. Jen offered to follow up with Liz Brandt.

- G. District Support: Tom reported that a survey has been sent out to the District Bar Presidents to ascertain local activities. Just went out in the last few days. Once responses received, will proceed accordingly. If limited response, may send out broader survey.
- H. Resource Coordination: Mackenzie reported nothing new to report outside of case law update in progress in conjunction with Handbook.

5. New Business

- A. General discussion about family law award of distinction reception: was a fabulous reception but lightly attended. Does the council want to consider different alternatives (eliminate reception, move to avoid conflict, other)? Point raised that historically, events at conference location generally better attended than those off-site. Will be something to consider and discuss at future meetings.
- B. Monthly CLEs in conjunction with council meetings - In progress (see above).
- C. Jennifer advised that the section had been recognized as a major donor at the kick-off event of the Access to Justice Campaign on June 5, 2014, which was a very well attended event.
- D. Tore thanked the section for the lovely reception and recognition. All agreed that it was well deserved and THANK YOU, TORE, for all her efforts on behalf of the section.

6. Meeting adjourned.