

## Family Law Section Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015

### 1. Roll Call

Attending: Jennifer Schindele, Melanie Baillie, Karin Seubert, Susan Brooks, Mackenzie Whatcott, Drew Pendlebury, Lisa Rodriguez, Tom Dial, Joanne Kibodeaux, Renae Carroll, Jen Brumley, Diane Walker, Brian Donesley, Marjorie Smith, Mahmood Sheikh and Fred Zundel.

### 2. Financials

- a. We received the Nov. financials – motion to approve; approved

### 3. New Business

#### a. Budget

##### i. 2015 proposed budget

1. Melanie reported that Tom Smith has the Family Law Section lined up for the Advocate issue in February 2016, December 9 (draft date due), January 1, 2016 (revision date). Encouraged anyone who is interested in writing an article should contact Tom at Huneycutt Smith (208) 235-9585 and let him know of your interest. We will need to establish an editorial committee next year for this.
2. CLE's—on-line registrations may not be reflected on the income but all expenses on November financials should be reflected
3. Can only have \$7,500 carry-over in our budget. Mahmood indicates we aren't on the list to have to pay money out.
4. 3-7% increase is expected in meeting expenses (ie. governing board expenses for travel, meals, etc.)
5. Bar has included their proposed administrative fee on budget
6. Discussion about moving forward last year's budget expenses to this year as seem similar
7. Discussion about section providing scholarships for annual meeting. The president of the section already is provided funding to attend. Discussion of providing one scholarship for newer member and one for more established member of the section or providing scholarships to students of law schools. This would be payment typically for registration, hotel room, etc. Motion to set aside \$2,000 in budget for scholarships for attending annual meeting. Motion approved. There will be a discussion at a later meeting to determine criteria for scholarships.
8. Donations. Melanie suggests that we carry over \$3,500 on donations as last year's \$5,000 was increased due to having to spend down our balance.

9. Special event expense. This past year we had \$2,000 budgeted but it was for a special milestone for the section. Discussion about having family law award presented at annual meeting at award luncheon and not do a separate reception. Mahmood suggested that could give award during October CLE's at the place nearest to recipient's location. Mahmood suggested not removing the entire amount from the budget but keeping some for travel expense for the recipient. Motion to have \$300 for 2015 budget for special event expense. Motion approved.
10. Awards, gifts and scholarships. The plaque is full and so we need a new one. Mahmood said cost for new award plaque is usually \$300-400. Section also gives a plaque to the recipient. Motion to increase budget for this line item to \$500 for this year. Motion approved. (This item will actually be \$2,500 in include scholarships discussed above).
11. CLE income and expenses. In past years, some of our CLE's have had broader appeal to Bar members which increased income. Need to make sure that advance notice of CLE's gets out to Bar. Comment that price of CLE seemed too high. Comment that we focused only on October CLE's and no others during year and that limited income too. Comment that it would be good to have spring CLE and fall CLE. Discussion of amount to budget for proposed income. Motion for \$20,000 in budget for CLE income registrations. Motion approved. Motion to modify budget for CLE income registration to \$30,000. Two objections to motion. Motion approved.
12. Publications. The form book is anticipated to be out in 2015 and may increase income. Need to determine if form book will be attached to CLE's or sell it separately from the CLE. Mackenzie is working on form book and said they are trying to have it finalized by end of summer/fall if possible. Motion to have \$3,000 for publications. Motion approved.
13. Recorded programs and royalties income. These are two ways that attorneys get CLE credits by checking out DVD of prior CLE's or downloading online. Motion to have recorded programs set at \$3,000 and \$2,000 on royalties. Motion approved.
14. CLE/recorded programs/publications expense. Report from Publication Committee. Publication expense needs to include stipend to pay for hyperlinking handbook. Motion for \$7,500 for publication expense. Motion approved. Motion to carryover same expense amounts from 2014 budget on three remaining expense categories. Motion approved.
15. Listserve. We have still had issues with members getting on the listserve and need to look at this potential expense to create our own listserve. Motion to budget \$2,000 under website expense. Motion approved.
16. Motion to approve budget. Motion approved.

- ii. Funding requests.
  - 1. Diversity section
    - a. This is tabled for this meeting.
- iii. CLE dates
  - 1. Proposed to have CLE committee decide on the dates.
- iv. April meeting is scheduled to be in-person. This will be clarified as to date.

Motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.