

Family Law Section, Annual Organizational Meeting—April 10, 2015

Chair—Melanie Baillie and Jennifer Schindele

Attending—Melanie Baillie, Judge Joanne Kibodeaux, Lisa B. Rodriguez, Mahmood Sheikh, Fred Zundel, Jen Brumley, Michael Kraynick, Jennifer Schindele, Tyler Rounds, Debra Alsaker-Burke, Tom Smith

1. Introductions
2. Elections update
  - a. Due to concerns of how nominations occurred with first election, section re-did election after nominations were announced and taken for a week. New election went out and will be complete next Tuesday. The annual meeting will be on June 5, 2015 by phone.
3. Strategic Plan and Review Succession Plan from last year
  - a. At end of election, Melanie Baillie will move into past chair, Jennifer Schindele will move into chairperson, Lisa Rodriguez will move into vice-chair, and Jen Brumley is running for secretary/treasurer.
  - b. Succession plan seems to be a positive step.
4. Roles of Officers
  - a. Chairperson—Attends four practice section meetings per year. Bar also works with this designated matter regarding any issues or matters brought to Bar.
  - b. Vice-chair—any assigned duties by the chairperson. Section has decided that vice-chairperson will be in charge of CLE Committee.
  - c. Secretary-Treasurer—Handles recording the minutes of the meeting. The Bar handles the finances and sends out notices to governing council regarding finances.
  - d. Any business decisions, need to have ten section members
  - e. Section is subject to open meeting laws. Need to publish agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting. Dana from the Bar sends out reminders to the chairperson. The Bar posts notices so that we conform with open meeting laws.
5. Committee comprehensive reports
  - a. Seat 1-Community Property Symposium and national conference--
    - i. Chairperson is assigned coordinator. Jen Schindele will look into whether Community Property Symposium is still going.
    - ii. Discussion about having chairperson have option to have all officers attend a conference but can have two officers go to different conferences. Also, the officers that attend the conference should be obligated to present a CLE. Discussion about doing CLEs as webinars or have live streaming. For the ½ hour CLEs at the phone meeting, Melanie has just had to provide the information to Dana at the Bar. Expectation of 1 hour minimum CLE. Motion to modify seat 1 to broaden description to encompass national and/or international family law conferences participation, the chair would designate two officers first to attend and, if unable to attend, then could designate governing council members to attend if no officer can attend, at least one conference annually and will present a minimum of a one hour CLE. Motion approved.

- b. Seat 2-October CLE
  - i. Assigned to vice-chairperson
  - ii. Want to continue to do October CLE series. Potential topics discussed same-sex marriage, reproductive rights, frozen embryos, same-sex issues with adoption, social media, paperless filing system. Topic would be future of family law practice. Lisa Schultz a practitioner in Boise may be helpful. Steve Stokes gave a presentation on social media issues to Pocatello CLE. He may also give information on military issues. Jim Manning is updating tax in divorce for the handbook and may be willing to present. Other options include Judges discussing family law rules. Could do a survey to section to see what section would like to see at CLE. Formbook may be available to provide at CLE. Discussion about handbook including annual case summaries that are provided each year at the October CLE.
  - iii. Dates—October 2 in Boise, October 30 in Coeur d’Alene, October 9 in Pocatello
  - iv. If presenting, request that presenters to appear at all three CLEs. If not able to, the Bar will videotape the presentation to show at the CLE.
  - v. Other committee members: Jennifer Schindele, Jen Brumley
- c. Seat 3-Other CLE and Cross Training Endeavors
  - i. Karin Seubert was coordinator last year.
  - ii. April 30<sup>th</sup> CLE is still in flux. Melanie is trying to get someone from Idaho Supreme Court to come. Melanie will take care of the April CLE.
  - iii. May, September, and November are months when the ½ hour CLEs will occur with the section meetings. The Bar applies for the credit for these CLEs.
  - iv. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Karin Seubert
  - v. Other committee members: Mackenzie Whatcott and Tyler Rounds
- d. Seat 4-Reports on proposed legislation and rules
  - i. Mike Kraynick was coordinator last year.
  - ii. Legislature was looking at language in Troxell case to make statute regarding fundamental rights of parents (and have also included guardians in fundamental rights). The Attorney General’s office and Idaho Supreme Court showed up to raise questions about this proposed statute. This is still pending.
  - iii. Other issues—Recognition of documents from other states, ownership of personal property with rights of survivorship (bank accounts, etc.) for community property.
  - iv. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Mike Kraynick
  - v. Other committee members: Fred Zundel
- e. Seat 5 Publications (handbook, formbook, advocate articles, case law update)
  - i. Tom Dial/Fred Zundel were coordinators last year.
  - ii. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Fred Zundel
  - iii. Other committee members: Mackenzie Whatcott, Tom Smith and Melanie Baillie
- f. Seat 6 Technology (information flow, list serve, website)
  - i. Mackenzie Whatcott, Jen Brumley were co-coordinators last year
  - ii. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Jen Brumley

- iii. Other committee members for 2015/2016—Tyler Rounds
    - iv. Case law update information will be moved to seat 5
  - g. Seat 7 District Support (relationship among and between section members, local district section groups, Idaho Supreme Court, other Idaho State Bar sections, public, etc.)
    - i. Tom Smith was coordinator last year
    - ii. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Debra Alsaker-Burke
    - iii. Other committee members for 2015/2016—Melanie Baillie and Lisa Rodriguez
  - h. Seat 8 Resource Coordination (database for local decision bank, people (evaluators, issue specialists), speakers, trainers, information, articles relevant to family law practice)
    - i. Mackenzie Whatcott was coordinator last year
    - ii. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Mike Kraynick
    - iii. Other committee members for 2015/2016—Fred Zundel
  - i. Seat 9 Special projects and awards (annual family law award of distinction)
    - i. Jen Brumley was coordinator last year
    - ii. Co-coordinators for 2015/2016—Jen Brumley and Melanie Baillie
    - iii. Other committee members for 2015/2016—Jennifer Schindele and Tom Smith
    - iv. Want to continue giving family law award of distinction. Could give annual award at Bar award lunch and also honor person at October CLEs. If Bar doesn't approve giving award at luncheon, will just do it at October CLE. Motion to ask Mahmood to seek permission with Bar to have annual award given at Bar luncheon with \$1,100 co-sponsorship by Family Law Section. Motion approved.
    - v. The announcement of request for nominations will be going out soon.
  - j. Seat 10 Unnamed (intentionally)
    - i. Section could make this committee to deal with donation requests. Motion to create donation committee as seat 10. Motion approved.
    - ii. Coordinator for 2015/2016—Lisa Rodriguez
    - iii. Other committee members—Tyler Rounds and Jen Brumley
    - iv. Committee will review requests and if recommend then will provide to the section. Committee could formulate guidelines for the section to discuss. Committee will try to provide guidelines by June meeting.
- 6. Scholarships for attorneys to attend our CLEs.
  - a. Section could do reduced rate for CLEs for non-profit attorneys, i.e. Legal aid attorneys or other non-profit attorneys that do more than 50% family law cases.
- 7. New members—could send out letter similar to appellate section
- 8. Webcast for webinars
  - a. Cost of \$175 for set up for videographer plus \$75 per hour and \$50 for copies of DVDs
  - b. Could do go-to-meetings for ½ hour CLEs (similar to Skype)-no cost alternative
    - i. Presenter is at Bar office to be on camera
    - ii. Use both video and phone
- 9. Bar Staff-introductions
  - a. Mahmood Sheikh, Josh Dages and Dana Ferrero deal with sections for the Bar.
  - b. Family law financials—Josh disseminates the financials and can send questions to Josh who will forward to Debbie, comptroller or Mahmood.

- c. Time to change dues amount is in the fall when licensing is starting. The maximum dues amount allowed by the Bar is \$50.00. Currently, \$30 dues and \$10 for attorneys less than 5 years or law students.
- d. Section has 307 Idaho State Bar members and 3 other persons who are members.
- e. Our section website is updated weekly. As soon as elections are done, it will be updated right away. The Bar only removes or adds information upon request by the Section so Section may want to have a liaison to work with Josh to make sure website is up-to-date.
- f. ListServ bill will be \$500 for set-up from L-Soft and then will pay per e-mail cost at end of the year.