

Family Law Section meeting minutes

December 11, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Chair, Jennifer Schindele.
2. Roll Call: Jennifer Schindele, Tyler Rounds, Lisa Rodriguez, Douglas Leavitt, Tom Smith, Chris Hopper, Stephanie Ann Riley, Suzanna Graham, and Denise Penton.
3. Committee Updates:
 - a. Seat 2-October CLE Series. Dates need to be selected for the October CLE series for 2016 and sent to Mahmood so they can be put on the bar calendar. We will attempt to find out the best date for N. Idaho and select dates from there. We will need to brainstorm and discuss topic ideas.
 - b. Seat 3-Other CLEs. Tyler announced there will be a ½ hour CLE at our meeting on February 12th. Speaker is Carl Christensen, CPA to present on tax issues including but not limited to dependency exemption, earned income credit, head of household, etc. Will conduct via Go To Meeting. The annual meeting is July 13-15, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. If we want to present a CLE we need to have a proposal to Mahmood no later than February 15th. It was suggested that there be a CLE on the issue of the new Family Law Rules of Procedure. Judge Peterson recently presented on this issue and had some materials.
 - c. Seat 4-Legislation Committee. No report.
 - d. Seat 5-Publications. No report on the Handbook/Formbook. Tom Smith reported that there were six articles submitted to The Advocate editorial board to be run through the editorial process. The Family Law Section is sponsoring the February issue.
 - e. Seat 6-Technology Committee. No report.
 - f. Seat 7-District Support. No report.
 - g. Seat 8-Resource Coordination. No report.
 - h. Seat 9-Special Projects and Awards. Last year presented at Annual Meeting. There will be a call for nominations early spring.
 - i. Seat 10-Donations Committee. There may be some carryover funds. If so, the committee will review requests.
4. New Business
 - a. Annual Budget-Must be provided to Mahmood no later than January 15th. A draft budget will be emailed to at large council members and officers for approval.
 - b. Sponsorship at Annual Meeting-Last year the section co-sponsored the awards luncheon for \$1,100. There may be an opportunity to do so again. We were able to present the Family Law Award of Distinction at the luncheon.

- c. Elections-There are five at large council positions open as well as the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Call for nominations for open positions. Elections will be in early March. All nominations can be emailed to the current Secretary/Treasurer, Jen Brumley. If anyone has an interest and wants to discuss, contact Jen Brumley or Jennifer Schindele. The new terms will start April 8, 2016 at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. Idaho Supreme Court Judicial Conference Input-If anyone has any input on areas/issues for judicial training, forward to Mahmood.
5. Review of November Meeting Minutes. Tom Smith moved to approve. Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 6. Review of November financials. Tom Smith moved to approve. Stephanie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 7. Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Smith seconded. Passed unanimously.