

LITIGATION SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of February 5, 2009

1. Attendance:

Wyatt Johnson (Councilperson; Chairperson); Mark S. Geston (Councilperson); Secretary); William VanHole (Councilperson; Treasurer); Steve Schossberger (Councilperson); Kim Toryanski (Councilperson); John Goodall (Councilperson; by telephone); April Linscott (Councilperson; by telephone); Don Harris (Councilperson; by telephone) Rob Anderson; John Zarian; Merlyn Clark; Michelle Points; and Teri Muse.

2. Approval of Prior Minutes:

The draft minutes from the last preceding meetings in October and November 2008 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Bill VanHole discussed the previously circulated draft budget for 2009. Bill suggested that projected CLE expenses and revenues may have to be refined. He anticipates that the Trial Skills Academy will, as before, be the biggest item insofar as expenses and revenue is concerned. So far, that is the only CLE event scheduled by the Section.

Merlyn Clark suggested increasing this CLE budget for 2009 to \$18,000.

Terri Muse noted that Section membership and 2009 will be about 250 members, approximately the same as the 284 members in 2008, so membership dues should remain about the same, considering the previously-authorized increase in dues.

Discussion was had on prior revenue experience and was the consensus of the Council to anticipate CLE revenue of approximately \$12,000 and two raise budgeted expenses, revising the projected deficit of the draft budget to \$3,500.

Merlyn Clark moved to amend the draft 2009 budget in light of the preceding discussion, reducing anticipated CLE revenue from \$17,000 to \$12,000, resulting in a final projected 2009 budget deficit of \$3,622. The motion was unanimously passed. Bill VanHole said that he would revise the draft budget and circulate it to the Members.

4. Trial Advocacy Institute:

Michelle Points reported the Institute is on track for a spring 2009 session. Mentors and presenters have been signed up and "witnesses" are being recruited from the BSU student body.

To date, 15 students have preregistered, which Teri Muse reported was lower than expected. She noted that the Academy is facing competition from CLEs being offered by other Sections. The Academy is planned to accommodate 64 students. Council Members were urged to promote the availability of the Academy to associates in their firms.

5. ISB Section Chair Meeting:

Kim Toryanski attended on behalf of the Litigation Section reported on its behalf.

6. Section Flyers:

Still a work in progress.

7. New Business:

Michelle Points discussed the planned CLE and seminar for summer 2010, to repeat the success enjoyed by the 2008 CLE and seminar in Sun Valley. Teri Muse suggested moving the seminar to early autumn 2010 to avoid conflict with the State Bar Meeting that summer in Idaho Falls, and said she would check on the availability of meeting space in Sun Valley in October.

A discussion was had about holding the Section's 2009 annual meeting in conjunction with the Bar Annual Meeting which will be held in Boise this summer. Kim Toryanski made a motion to that effect, which was unanimously passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.