

ISB DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION MEETING – MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 12:00-1:00 pm (MT)

- I. Meeting Called to Order – Chair Colby Jones called the meeting to order. Participants were able to appear in person or via Zoom for this meeting. Attendance (in-person/zoom): Colby Jones, Janine Reynard, Melissa Luna, Mandy Valentine, Bryan Nickels, Nikeela Abrams, and Fran Stern. Limited attendance today, so no quorum to review/approve prior meeting minutes.
- II. Old Business – None by anyone.
- III. Approval of Minutes from Prior Section Meetings – Cannot review/approve minutes at this time because we don't have a quorum. Will either send out to section members or will approve at next meeting.
- IV. New Business – Colby pointed out we need volunteers for all of the below items – speakers, articles, forms/handbook stuff.

Listserve – We still need to find out how many members of the section have signed up/confirmed their email addresses on the Listserve, so we know whether communications through that mechanism are sufficient or effective. We are also wondering whether we can access the listserve from DRS site on ISB website.

Subcommittee Volunteering:

- (a) Form/Handbook – no substantial updates at this time, other than this is still something the group thinks would be good to do, though clearly we will need members to help with this project.
- (b) CLE – what do we want this year to look like? (1) per Fran – suggests a CLE on how to prepare your clients for mediation; (2) Bryan Nickels can give CLE on statutory mandate to do mediation & arbitration – will present at February meeting; (3) get people to talk/teach about a niche practice or topic. These are great ideas for future CLEs and if anybody knows anybody that would be willing to talk on these topics, please let them know to reach out to Colby or Melissa.
- (c) Collaboration/Outreach – no update at this time.
- (d) ISB Rep Teresa Baker – does the section want to sponsor a presentation for ISB Annual meeting to be held in Boise in July, 2023? Colby will put request for recommendations out on listserve. Some costs are covered by ISB, which could help with speaker selection or travel expenses if applicable. The section otherwise has funds also available if we needed to pitch in for a special speaker.
- (e) ISB Rep Teresa Baker – We do not have year-end financial information yet, but prior quarterly information does show that the section does have funds available for its use.
- (f) Need to know what will constitute a quorum for future meetings depending on whether the board or the section must vote on any particular topic. That information should be contained in the bylaws and will be reviewed.

- (g) The section is interested in ways to increase membership/participation in meetings, etc. Teresa of the ISB advised that CLEs offered at the meetings is a good way to increase participation. Letting other sections also know what CLEs are being offered could result in attorneys from other sections also joining in, which may increase section membership.
- (h) The group discussed the feasibility/desirability of offering a “roundtable discussion” for CLE credit. Topics could include ethics, which are popular for participation to help attorneys get their required Ethics CLE credits. For instance, “how do you police after unethical practice by mediators?” No regulations in place; best practices; Melissa will reach out to “Maureen” about presenting in March 2023; can get CLE credit for a roundtable presentation. Fran volunteered to be on a panel in the future.
- (i) Committee that includes Judge Meienhoffer and Sarah Mello are already working on revisions to mediation rules. Fran will follow-up on that and report back to the group.

V. Next Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday **February 15, 2023, 12:00-1:00 pm (MT)** and will be offered as in-person or zoom attendance.

VI. Adjourned at 12:39 pm.