

MINUTES
Professionalism & Ethics Section
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
12:00 – 12:46 pm MDT

- I. Call to Order by Chair Texie Montoya.**
- II. Attendees and Introductions: Chantell Abou-Hamdan, Jo Beeman, Laurie Frost, Larry Hunter, Ammon Judy, Texie Montoya, Morgan Swegles, Garrett Swenson, Talia Sturkie and Jeffery Ventrella.**
- III. Minutes for August 6, 2024 section meeting were approved. There was no section meeting on September 3, 2024, the day after Labor Day. (P&E Section members were notified by email on August 27, 2024.)**
- IV. Officer Reports.**
 - A. Chair Report by Texie Montoya**
 - 1. Advocate Sponsorship: March/April 2025 issue. Articles are due January 8. Call will be made for articles from P&E members and bar at large. Need 3-4 articles, if articles are lengthy; 5-6 articles, if articles are shorter.**
 - 2. Monthly CLEs during P&E Section meetings. Section business is usually less than 30 minutes, so there is time for a 30 minute presentation (½ CLE credit). (3 ethics credits are needed each reporting period.). Couldn't line up a CLE for today. Discussed having topics other than professionalism and ethics. Also, it may be advisable to appoint a section member to be in charge of monthly CLEs.**
 - 3. Ethical Happy Hour Committee. Email Texie if interested in serving. Texie will convene the committee because the section does not want to lose this fund raiser.**
 - 4. Anti-discrimination and anti-harrassment committee. Dormant at present, but discussed submitting an article to the Advocate, perhaps examining what other states are doing on this issue.**
 - 5. November meeting of section is on Election Day and will be cancelled if there is no CLE.**
 - B. Treasurer Report by Bob Aldridge. Bob had advised the P&E Section Officers and Council Members by email on September 26 that he would be unable to attend the October 1 Section meeting and that there was nothing to report on finances.**
- V. Membership dues and Meeting frequency.**
 - A. Membership dues: discussed that the P&E Section averages just over 100 members and has the highest per member dues (\$40/year); no interest in changing the dues, but consider subcategories for lower dues, such as a separate amount for law students and first year attorneys. (JPB: The bar**

website indicates that law students and attorneys admitted to ISB less than a year pay \$10/year for P&E membership.)

- B. Meeting frequency and attendance: the P&E section has low attendance at its monthly meetings (10-15 members); many other bar sections meet every other month. Garrett Swenson entered a motion to change section meetings and there was discussion about meeting in even numbered months (6 meetings/year) and also discussion of a 7 meeting/year schedule that would include January, March (the Dick Fields professionalism award), April, May, September, October, and November. The Section was advised that the members who attend any meeting of the section constitute an automatic quorum for conducting business. It was agreed that meeting frequency would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the section.**

VI. Elections

- A. The section has 7 officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and three At Large Council Members.**
- B. Elections will occur at the December section meeting if there is no meeting in November.**

VII. Adjourn (Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 12:00 p.m. MDT)