

MINUTES

Child Protection Section

Friday, February 24, 2023 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Via Teleconference/Videoconference

- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairperson Janice Beller
- **Approve Minutes from January 27, 2023.** Unanimously approved without changes or corrections.
- **Financial Update** – Secretary/Treasurer Spalding reported that the Section's current balance has not been changed or updated since the last month, with the possible exception of section dues funding.
- **Old Business**
 - a. Our section is doing a joint issue of The Advocate – the November/December 2023 issue – with Family Law section. There is an open call for authors. Ms. Beller invited the membership to submit proposals by reaching out to a member of the governing council.
 - b. Membership Survey – The governing council has drafted a survey regarding upcoming CLEs and potential service projects. It should go out shortly. Participation was encouraged.
- **New Business**
 - a. Nominations are open for the governing council for next year. There are five at-large positions along with the Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson roles. Nominations close at the end of the March meeting; candidates will be announced around that time.
 - b. The budget is in process and delayed by staff turnover at the bar which delays budget form issuance and updated funding information. The governing council approved a "back of the envelope" budget draft to present today for the section's consideration: (1) required payments to the bar; (2) \$1,000 in donations for this year; and (3) \$1000 for scholarships for attendance at the 2023 remote/virtual NACC and potentially membership if that reduces our costs and remains legal. The conference will occur on September 20-22, 2023. The slate of presenters is not yet listed. Proposals have closed and are under consideration with NACC. We hope to present a formal budget for consideration at the March meeting.
- **Announcements**
 - a. The March CLE will be a second round of "Ask a Judge: Views from the Bench" presented by Judge Meulenberg. We are asking for questions to be submitted ahead of time by emailing a governing council member. The April CLE will be an ethics presentation from Assistant Bar Counsel Caralee Lambert.
 - b. Neal Randall has been appointed as a judge and has left our governing council. With elections near for the Council, his position will remain open for the balance of his term.
 - c. April's CLE will be an ethics CLE focusing on the "Ethical Issues of Representing Parents in Child Protection Cases", presented by Assistant Bar Counsel Caralee Lambert.
- **CLE** – Dr. Shiyi Chen and Dr. Ling-Ling Tsao presented a CLE titled "Science, Impacts and Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect." CLE .75 pending.
- **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. The next meeting is "Ask a Judge: Views from the Bench." It is scheduled March 24, 2023 at noon.