



**Section Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2024 – 5:00 pm MT**  
**Submitted by: Katie Riley**

**Attendees:**

Chad Johnson  
Katie Riley  
Sam Johnson  
Amanda Ulrich  
John Rumel  
Justin Brown  
Michael Bowers

- 1. Approve Minutes** for May Meeting. *No discussion – Justin moved, Sam second. No opposition.*
- 2. Financial updates**
  - a. Review most-recent financial summary provided by bar. *Reviewed current balance sheet and 2025 budget. No questions or discussion.*
- 3. Scholarship Committee Update.**
  - a. Status update. *No updates.*
- 4. Member Introductions**
  - a. Who do we have lined up next? *Per Sam: Nobody in the hopper yet, expect that someone will jump in just prior to the main meeting.*
- 5. Future Section Meetings & Speakers.**
  - a. June 25, 2025 — Non-Economic Damages Panel
    - i. Amanda Ulrich will provide Plaintiff's perspective
    - ii. Still looking for a defense representative. *Maybe someone at IEL, other than Pam. Maybe Doug or Jennifer (J. Rumel to ask Doug). Alex Grand, H&H? Zoom is preferable for participation. Other ideas for defense panelist were discussed. All will check with their contacts within the next 24 hours so we can get this pinned down.*  
*Others: Doug Plass, Dean Bennett, Jackie Ganz, Jen Jensen, John Ashby, James Stoel.*
    - iii. Discuss John's proposed questions. *Doug sent some comments via email. John will moderate the panel.*

- *Recognition of emotional distress earlier on in the case;*
  - *Refresher/rundown of non economic damages and where they fall under each statute;*
  - *Need to pare it down a bit*
  - ***Flow: Intro – What econ damages are avail where (statutes), then #2, #4, #3 only #s1,5,6 time permitting.***
- b. Off in July and August
- i. *Will hold an August council meeting to finalize officer slate*
- c. Sept 24, 2025 —
- d. October 2024 — Stephen Blackburn (*Professionalism award recipient*)
- e. Other thoughts or developments on Section meeting presenters?
- i. *Chad never heard back from professionalism section, has now sent email to Steve Blackburn (recipient of 2025 Bithell Professionalism Award)*
- ii. *Michael Bowers Free speech rights of public employees Idea*
1. *Possible topics: current political environment – immunity, academic freedom – public university, compelled speech (pronoun law)*
2. *Can Michael commit to finding a speaker? He will try*
- iii. *Sam: Whistleblower issues in the medical field (employment context).*
1. *Can Sam commit to finding a speaker? He will try*
- iv. *Other Ideas? Employment contracts, Non-competes, Workplace relationships (orders of protection, broken relationships)*
- 6. Advocate Feb 2026 Issue Committee**
- a. Any updates? *Doug and Jon not present. No update.*
- 7. Posts to Listserv –**
- a. One member please commit to making a post. *Michael Bowers will post.*
- 8. New Business –** *Chad attended the Practice Committee Meeting for all of the sections. New officer orientation is in September. Accordingly we should try to get our slate together before the summer so that in late August we can have the bar sending out our election materials.*
- a. Elections to be held in September 2025. Need to create proposed slate.
- *Jon Roundy – being Section Chair.*
  - *Vice Chair – Katie Riley;*
  - *Treasurer – Justin Brown;*
  - *Other council members are interested in remaining on as at-large members.*
- b. Practice Section New Officer Orientation is September 8-9.
- c. ISB 100 year anniversary – July 16, 2025 – *Section may consider purchasing tickets for individual council members – does not make sense for council to purchase a table for \$4k. Motion to approve attendance of council members at the Gala at the expense of the L&E Section. Katie Motion, Michael seconded. No objections all in favor.*
- i. *\$4,000 to sponsor a table of 8*
- ii. *\$200 / person to register individuals for CLE + Reception/Gala*

iii. \$150 / person to register just for Reception/Gala

**9. Adjourn at 5:57 p.m.**