

**ANIMAL LAW SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

I. Call to Order

- II. In Attendance:** Ashley Marelius; Brian Ertz; Jane McElligot; Caralee Lambert; Autumn Johnson; Margie Cleverdon; Tyler Lobdell; Eileen Johnson (Scribe)

Business

- III. Review Prior Minutes:** Quorum not present. Wait until next meeting to approve prior minutes.
- IV. Membership Update:** Still TBD due to licensing. Ashley will reach out again after licensing complete. Members sometimes drop off because they don't realize they have dropped off. Request that all section members recruit for the section.
- v. Section Leadership: Elections for annual positions.** Discussed secretary/treasurer duties. Ashley asked that each person taking on a leadership role assist with CLE speakers, planning, etc. so the tasks are more evenly spread to take pressure off Chair/Vice Chair. Ashley will continue in her current role as Chair if elected but is very happy to step aside if anyone else would like to take on the Chair position. Sunrise agreed to Vice Chair position, unless anyone else would like to take on that role. Discussion of whether ISB membership required for a board member. In the future may create another position such as CLE coordinator. Questions and discussion for those considering position. At-large members should take a more active role in CLE planning. Margie is willing to be secretary/treasurer. Jane is willing to be at-large member. Autumn is willing to be at-large member. Discussion of quorum requirement (4 minimum) for voting so please let Ashley know if won't be at meeting in the coming year. One at-large seat left. Zoe Ann and Adam want to continue as at-large. Edward Dindinger inquired about at-large position.

ACTION ITEM: Ashley will send out email to vote on officer positions.

VI. Assigning CLE Speaker Recruitment to Officers

Need to recruit 30-minute CLE speakers for bi-monthly meetings. We should do more basic law topics in addition to larger scope legal issues involving animal law. Discussion of larger scale CLE for animal law 101 to show how animal law touches on all areas of law. Benefits include potential for recruitment of new members, spread the word about our section as a resource for assistance with animal law cases or information. Significant support for this idea on the call. We could include many speakers to discuss the basics of various areas of animal law. We are a young section and want to become established in the legal community in Idaho.

Ashley asked for ideas related to a longer CLE for animal law 101 topics. Tyler is in California and wants to help find CLE presenters for topics that are timely. Tyler will have lots of names for animal law 101 speakers, but they are out of state. Yes, we would like that very much. No requirement that speakers are based in Idaho. Group agreed that June 11, 2019 section meeting date should be the Animal Law 101 CLE. Maybe 3.5 hour with a break.

For future 30-minute CLEs, Autumn suggests the Oregon horse case, labeling of meat, Non-Human Rights habeas corpus actions on behalf of elephants and primates. Autumn is writing dissertation on meat labeling. Autumn will work to assist with .5 CLE credit presentations. Carolee will be happy to present an ethics CLE. This could create opportunity for ethics credits. Eileen and Brian will assist Carolee with case law for Ethics CLE. Perhaps we can create a yearly ethics CLE related to animal law. .5 CLE speakers do not have to include a power point. Meeting CLE speakers can call in.

ACTION ITEM: Ashley will come up with a basic plan for a longer Animal Law 101 CLE and present next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Eileen and Brian will assist Caralee with case law, etc. for potential ethics CLE presentation by Caralee.

ACTION ITEM: Autumn will assist with recruitment for .5 CLE credit presentations for section meetings.

ACTION ITEM: We still need to recruit a presented for the April 9, 2019 section meeting; the August 13, 2019 section meeting; and the October 8, 2019 section meeting.

VII. CLE – *Dominion*

Adam has been working to put together a CLE centered on the movie, *Dominion*. Discussion of efforts so far and constraints. Budget does not have enough money to pay for Adam's airfare (\$450), hotel, etc. so we will need to raise funds for these costs as soon as possible as April is when CLE is to take place. Discussion of cost to attend. Want to keep cost of CLE relatively low to encourage attendance. Concordia has offered free use of facilities. Still need to figure out securing donations of vegan food. Washington section is doing large CLE with *Dominion*. Discussion re concerns about how *Dominion* movie connects with animal law issues in Idaho. Conservative state. Concerns raised that CLE may alienate some current and potential members of the section due to possible perception that we are "crazy animal people" with an agenda other than law. We will need to plan a much more conservative CLE immediately thereafter to offset this perception.

ACTION ITEM: Raise funds for Adam's airfare, hotel costs, and vegan food.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:34 pm.