

Family Law Section Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2019

Chair – Jennifer April Roark

Attendees: Doug Leavitt, Jennifer Schindele, Tyler Rounds, Sarah Mello, Mackenzie Whatcott, Margurit R. Cleverdon, Jen Brumley, Reagan Charlton, Jennifer Roark, Fred Zundel, Wendy Powell

1. Roll call skipped.
2. Members at Large: New member expected to be Leah Shotwell, Kim Stretch will continue in her position. Section is required to have eight (8) at large positions. We currently have seven (7), so Jen Brumley agreed to take the seat formally held by Denice Patton. **Motion raised by Brumley, seconded by Rounds, passed unanimously.**
3. Vote to Approve March Minutes: **Charlton moved to approve, Brumley seconded, motion passed unanimously.**
4. Vote to Approve Financial: The income statement provided did not include the budget numbers provided to ISB by Mello. **Motion to approve passed until a new income statement can be generated to include budget numbers.**
5. Seat 1:
 - a. There has been no interest in the conference in Canada, so we are now focused on the ABA conference in San Diego on or around September 21, 2019. Brumley is attending, chair will discuss attendance with other members.
 - b. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 1.**
 - i. Seat 1 Chair: Renee Karel.
 - ii. Seat 1 Members: Jen Brumley, Wendy Powell.
6. Seat 2:
 - a. Ideas for October's CLE include:
 - i. Special considerations in cases of domestic violence
 - ii. Tips for time management/practice management
 - iii. Panel discussion on family law tips and tricks for new attorneys
 - iv. Tips and tricks for dealing with difficult attorneys/clients
 - v. Special considerations for working with clients with mental illness/cognitive impairment
 - vi. Tax credit allocation
 - vii. Pensions
 - viii. Ethics of tech/social media and the family law practitioner
 - ix. Grandparent visitation (slated for consideration for 2020 CLE)
 - b. We need to email Theresa Baker for date in October. 10/25 out, as there is a statewide CLE on that date.
 - c. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 2.**
 - i. Seat 2 Chair. Sara Mello
 - ii. Seat 2 Members: Regan Charlton, Tyler Rounds, Wendy Powell.
7. Seat 3:

- a. Roark moved to have parenting time coordinator CLE with Jeff Moreno and Nikki Keisel at May meeting. **Motion approved.**
 - b. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 1.**
 - i. Seat 3 Chair. Jennifer Roark
 - ii. Seat 3 Members: Makenzie Whatcott, Regan Charlton.
- 8. Seat 4:**
- a. Legislature has adjourned.
 - b. Amendment to 32-716 did pass. 20 day waiting period extended to 21 days.
 - c. Amendment to 7-1103 did pass, changing the definition of child from a child born out of wedlock to a child born or conceived out of wedlock.
 - d. Amendment to 32-719 did not make it to the floor but was referred to rules committee.
 - e. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 4.**
 - i. Seat 4 Chair: Mackenzie Whatcott.
 - ii. Seat 4 Members: Doug Leavitt, Kim Stretch.
- 9. Seat 5:**
- a. Rough draft copy of Mary Shay article has been submitted to the Advocate.
 - b. The handbook will have a longer version of this article, and one by Jim Manning, no updates to the handbook.
 - c. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 5.**
 - i. Seat 5 Chair: Fred Zundel.
 - ii. Seat 5 Members: Jennifer Schindele, Mackenzie Whatcott.
- 10. Seat 6:**
- a. No updates.
 - b. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 6.**
 - i. Seat 6 Chair: Doug Leavitt.
 - ii. Seat 6 Members, Jennifer Schindele, who will now be the moderator on the listserv, and Renee Karel.
- 11. Seat 7:**
- a. There has been little to no activity on the District Support, Resources and Community Service committees for some time.
 - b. There is concern, however, that if these groups are deleted, that the potentially meaningful concepts behind these groups will be lost.
 - c. The idea behind district support would be that each judicial district would have their own family law section, and then the district groups would share information.
 - d. Brumley raised the idea of creating an ad hoc group, that would house the district support, resources and community service projects, as well as any other ideas worth exploring, allowing future members to take on these projects. Seat 9 thus would become Seat 7, and there would be an ad hoc group, unmanned right now, that would hold a place on future agendas for if/when members want to take up one of these, or any future projects.
 - e. Motion was raised by Leavitt, seconded by Rounds, passed unanimously.**

12. Seat 8. See Seat 7.

13. Seat 9:

- a. The email for nominations of family law award will go out next week, as presentation of the award will take place in July.
- b. Members were nominated and voted in unanimously for Seat 9 (now to be known as Seat 7).**
 - i. Seat 9 Chair: Jennifer Schindele
 - ii. Seat 9 Members, Jen Brumley, Reagan Charlton, Doug Leavitt.

14. Old Business.

- a. ISB Conference Luncheon:
 - i. Traditionally the Family Law Section has hosted a luncheon at the ISB conference, where they then present the family law award.
 - ii. We now have the opportunity to either host a dinner or lunch.
 - iii. Brumley raised the motion to sponsor the luncheon at the silver level (\$1,500), Leavitt seconded, unanimously passed.**
- b. Elections:
 - i. Nominations closed, voting ongoing.
 - ii. No contests.
 - iii. Mello will send out email to new members.

15. Meeting Adjourned under unanimous vote.