

Family Law Section Meeting  
February 9, 2018

Chair – Wendy Powell

Attendees: Bernadette Benson, William Harrington, Mackenzie Whatcott, Regan Charlton, Brad Sneed, Rudy Patrick, Lisa Rodriguez, Fred Zundel, Doug Leavitt, Renee Karel, Wendy Powell

1. Roll Call.
2. Review of Minutes from January Meeting. Move to review that and February at March Meeting.
3. Review of Financials for December. Unanimously approved.
4. Committee Reports

Seat 1. National Conferences. Wendy says she is going to a meeting in DC.

Seat 2. October CLE. Discussed progress. Dates set of 10/12 in Boise, 10/19 in Coeur d'Alene, and 10/26 in Idaho Falls. Renee is open to topic suggestions. Regan reported that last year there were a few lunch/brainstorming sessions. Suggest that we open that up to all members for suggestions. Renee will have email sent out to the section.

Seat 3. Other CLEs. Sarah Mello's email. Report that she is open to suggestions for upcoming meetings.

Seat 4. Legislative Update. Mackenzie reported on several proposed changes: (1) Changing Idaho Constitution to reflect US decisions on same-sex marriage, (2) Defining Child Custody Interference as also including inflicting mental injury on a child or otherwise manipulating emotions regarding custody, (3) Creating a state-wide registry, accessible to law enforcement, of all new decrees regarding custody, (4) Creating a rebuttable presumption in 32-717(a) that the best interests of the child would be approximately equal time with each parent. Apparently no exception for the age of the child.

Seat 5. Publications. Fred says all the articles are coming along on schedule.

Seat 6. Technology. No report.

Seat 7. District Support. No report.

Seat 8. Resources. No report.

Seat 9. Special Projects and Awards. No report.

Seat 10. Community Service. No official report, but Regan Charlton suggested that we might want to partner with Dress for Success.

6. Old Business.  
Council & Secretary Treasurer Elections Update. (Renee)

Two nominations for Sec/Treas: Sarah Mello & Kimberli Stretch

Seven nominations Board: Fred Zundel, Kimberli Stretch, Regan Charlton, Mackenzie Whatcott, Heidi Buck Morrison, Sarah Mello, Doug Leavitt

7. New Business.  
Email report from Sarah on the changes to Family Law Rules. Another meeting coming up to discuss proposed changes.