

## MINUTES

### Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section

Thursday, September 5, 2019 • Noon • ISB Law Center, 525 West Jefferson, Boise

#### I. Call to Order

Charles Wadams conducted meeting  
Andrew Jorgensen, secretary/treasurer took minutes

#### II. Approval of Minutes (August 1, 2019 Meeting) – Action Item

August minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

#### III. Financial Update

Description of the budget given by Andrew Jorgensen, treasurer, indicating we are on budget so far for the year, with some significant money coming in and out for the A.C.E. programs. An A.C.E. and Section member emphasized that A.C.E. funds were in the budget, and this should be considered in the bottom line and plans for spending on lunch at meetings. Discussion of the Section account supported that the Section could afford to provide lunches at monthly meetings (based on a \$2000/year estimate).

#### IV. Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE) Update

Rebekah Cude reported ACE had recently held their annual retreat for planning. Next meeting was Sept. 16, where new officers would be elected. Encouraged section members all to come.

#### V. Old Business

1. Fall CLE Update  
Scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am to Noon. Snacks would be provided.

#### VI. New Business – Action Item

1. Discussion on Meeting Lunches
  - Charlie Wadams discussed lunch as a way to encourage attendance and unity in the Section
  - Discussed Teresa Baker's email (she works at ISB and is a section member). ISB uses 6 caterers for section meetings and the cost is from \$8-12/person w/ delivery & w/o drinks

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- Phil McGrane shared that the Young Lawyers Section would reimburse groups of 3 or more for their lunch expenses
- Andrew Jorgensen asked about reimbursement process and suggested even individuals could be reimbursed for lunch if attending by phone. Later clarified those to be outside Boise area.
- Other section members recounted Emily Kane's and other section chairs' explanation of why lunch was stopped. Reasons included, primarily, (1) budget—CLE funds were not covering the lunch expense, and the section was in the red. (2) some resentment by members outside the valley who were not getting the lunch. (3) food was not satisfactory.
- Andrew Jorgensen suggested a set budget—if averaging \$10/person and 20 attendees and 10 meetings a year, we could spend \$2,000. When/if the \$2000 was spent, subsequent meetings would have no lunch provided.
- Adam Dingledein reviewed the various proposals and broke down the options for votes into two principal votes:
  1. Should the section provide lunches, with a \$2,000 annual budget? Vote was unanimously affirmative
  2. Should lunch reimbursement for section members outside Boise require that 2 or more section members join together to call in for the meeting? Vote was affirmative: Aye 8, Nay 5.

### VII. CLE: *A Soundstart to Legal Family Issues*

- Elena Becker, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program

### VIII. Adjourn

Charlie Wadams' motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously approved.