

COMMERCIAL LAW & BANKRUPTCY SECTION MEETING

20 APRIL 2022

MINUTES

Members Present

Patrick Geile

Tecla Druffel

Matt Christensen

Reed Cotten

J.B. Evans

Brian Tucker

Jeff Andrews

Non-Board Members Present Teresa Baker

Jason Naess Assistant U.S Trustee

1. Welcome: Patrick Geile- The Meeting was called to Order, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Patrick introduced Jason Naess Assistant U.S. Trustee who was invited to attend the meeting in furtherance of promoting more interaction with the Judges, UST, and Section to discuss or address concerns or recommendations outside of the courtroom. This will continue to be an objective of the board going forward with discussion of implementation left on the agenda.
2. Minutes: The Minutes for the April 20, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Patrick moved to approve the minutes as presented, J.B seconded. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.
3. Financials: The post seminar quarterly financials were presented for review and indicated that all is in order. Patrick moved to approve the financials as presented, Matt Seconded. There being no objection, the financials were approved.
4. Brown Bag CLE-Matt:

The discussion then proceeded to the Brown Bag Cle programing. Matt with respect to scheduling noted the importance of not conflicting with the Federal Court CLE programming

and proposed scheduling in the alternate months. Among the proposed topics discussed, creditors issues, best practices for perfection and protection of materialmen liens, uniform retention agreements, chapter 13 motions for discharge upon completion of Plan. A final topic was not selected although it was proposed that the first CLE program be in June with the likely topic- Materialmen Liens. It is still proposed that the Thursdays operate as the selected weekday for events commencing at 12:00 M.S.T. The Topic will remain on the agenda.

5. 2023 Seminar – Brian

Brian updated the Board on progress of Winter Bankruptcy Seminar tentatively scheduled for February 9, 2023, through February 11, 2023. The proposed location, Idaho Falls, was discussed along with suitable venue to accommodate participants. The issue of hotel accommodation and conference space remains the operative issue. There are three potential options and Brian is doing further investigation. After discussion, it was determined that everything is progressing and broadly the matter will remain on agenda for future discussion.

6. Sponsorship Annual Meeting Idaho State Bar Twin Falls 7/20/22-7/22/22

The Meeting then proceeded to section sponsorship including a panel CLE on Bankruptcy basics to be held at the Annual Meeting of the Idaho State Bar Association. This would be used as a section recruitment mechanism. Teresa indicated that a decision needed to be made by May 1, 2022. J.B and Matt agreed to present. After discussion, it was determined that this matter remain on agenda for future discussion.

7. New Business/Update

a. It was determined that there was a procedural defect in the proposed amendment to the Section Bylaws. After discussion, it was determined that any defect in notice and procedure would be cured, and the proposed change would be noticed to the section members for approval. The matter will remain on agenda for future discussion.

b. The CLBS list serve has moved over.

There being no further business, Patrick suggested that the meeting be adjourned and upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Meeting was adjourned.