

Family Law Section Planning Meeting
April 14, 2017

Chair – Jennifer Brumley

Attendees: Brad Mumford (by phone), Jennifer Brumley, Lisa Rodriguez, Fred Zundel, Leslie Brown, Merritt Dublin, Jennifer Schindele, Sarah Mello, Regan Charlton, Scott Learned, Renee Karel, Wendy Powell, Mackenzie Whatcott, Fafa Alidjani, Linda Pall (by phone), Doug Leavitt

1. Call to order by Jennifer Brumley.
2. Social. Jennifer Schindele stated that she was looking into some sort of formal social gathering, but for those who can attend today, there is an informal get-together at Ten Barrel after our meeting.
3. Introductions.
4. Review of bylaws.

Highlights: review the mission. Note that we have not done an *Advocate* article for a few years. Also, it is difficult for us to propose legislation, but it is a possibility if done properly. Reminder to check website for names of officers, upcoming meetings. Currently we have monthly meetings, three of which are in person.

Jennifer Schindele stated that normally we cancel the October meeting because of our CLE. There was no opposition to moving it to November or September. Jennifer Brumley stated that she would discuss with Mahmood Sheikh.

5. Role of Officers.

Chair runs meetings. Jennifer Schindele explained usual process, which is that Dayna usually emails ahead of time if we are planning on having the meeting, and she would reply and attach the agenda and financials.

6. Peg Dougherty briefly stated her case, asking for votes in the upcoming Fourth District Bar Commissioner election.
7. Annual State Bar Meeting. Linda Pall encouraged people to attend annual meeting in Moscow, and she offered assistance if people wanted to know good place to stay or meet. People are welcome to email her at lpall2moscow.com.
8. Committee Reports.

Seat 1. National Family Law Conferences. Jennifer Schindele attended last year in Seattle. The AFCC has a custody focus, and the AAML focuses more on financial issues. Wendy Powell reported on the upcoming AFCC events:

Boston, 5/31-6/3, 2017; DC, 6/6-6/9, 2018; Toronto, 5/29/2019; New Orleans, 2020. AAML has an upcoming event in September regarding property. The section has \$3,000 budgeted for attendees.

Sarah Mello would like to go to Boston. Merritt Dublin may join her. Wendy Powell and Renee Karel would like to go to DC.

Depending upon the budget, Jen Brumley and Lisa Rodriguez may attend the San Diego conference.

Seat 2. October CLE. Wendy Powell reported on last year's CLE, which received good reviews. Topic was QDROs, taxes, post-decree issues, and e-filing. Last year it was in the Idaho Falls/Pocatello area, so this year it will be Coeur d'Alene or Boise. Wendy Powell wonders if Meridian is acceptable. Jennifer Schindele says that once the date is chosen and given to Mahmood Sheikh, he takes care of venue, etc.

Seat 3. Other CLEs. These should be at the in-person meetings. Discussion was had regarding when the in-person meetings should be, and it was decided to have them in odd months, with July being held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Wendy Powell will run those meetings, as Jennifer Brumley likely won't come down from Coeur d'Alene.

Seat 4. Legislative Update. The attorney fee bill passed. Legislation regarding guardianships passed, giving leeway to judges for structuring visitation, as well as allowing two co-guardians to be appointed. Sarah Mello and Mackenzie Whatcott would like to stay on that committee.

Seat 5. Publications. Fred Zundel reported that the handbook and forms were updated in 2015. Mary Shea is still working on archiving old articles. Discussion on possible article ideas, such as using your iPad in court, military law, valuing stock options. Jennifer Schindele says that if we want to sponsor the Advocate, we have to put our name in ahead of time. The next one available is May 2018.

Seat 6. Technology. Wendy Powell reported that she monitors the Listserve. She thinks this seat should be combined with Seat 8, Resource Coordinator. Discussion was had about combining, as they are related. Doug Leavitt says that Seat 8 is working on creating a list of resources to put online. Sara Mello suggested that we have same people serve on both committees to avoid any overlap.

Seat 7. District Support. Lisa Rodriguez explained that she works on getting meals arranged when members in more remote areas get together for meetings. Perhaps Jen Brumley should be on this committee.

Seat 9. Special Projects and Awards. Update by Jennifer Schindele, stating that Susan Roy has been selected for this year.

Seat 10. Community Service. Wendy Powell suggests that we combine with Seat 9. Jennifer Brumley says that we should at least have a chair for the

Award of Distinction and a contact person for donations or grant requests. Suggested that it is still kept as a separate seat with the same members.

9. IVLP Case. Sue Pierson from IVLP asked for volunteers for a case in Valley County.
10. Annual Meeting Sponsorship. We have been asked to sponsor lunch at annual meeting.

This is silver level sponsorship for \$1,500. Motion by Wendy Powell to sponsor the lunch; seconded by Jennifer Schindele. Discussion on financials. There is only \$1,000 budget for Sponsorship, but we can move \$500 over from Donations. Passed, with no opposition.

With the sponsorship, we get a table, but we can donate it if we do not want to staff. Possibly could go to Idaho Legal Aid or IVLP. Jennifer Schindele moved to donate the table, giving Mahmood Sheikh discretion as to who it should go to; Fred Zundel seconded. Passed with no opposition.

11. Committee Assignments.

Seat 1. National Conferences.

Chair: Wendy Powell

Members: Jennifer Brumley, Lisa Rodriguez, Renee Karel

Seat 2. October CLE.

Chair: Wendy Powell

Members: Regan Charlton, Sarah Mello, Merritt Dublin

Seat 3. Other CLEs.

Chair: Sarah Mello

Members: Regan Charlton, Doug Leavitt

Seat 4. Legislative Update.

Chair: Mackenzie Whatcott

Members: Scott Learned, Lisa Rodriguez, Merritt Dublin

Seat 5. Publications.

Chair: Fred Zundel

Members: Mackenzie Whatcott, Mary Shea, Tom Smith

Seat 6. Technology.

Chair: Sarah Mello

Members: Scott Learned, Lisa Rodriguez
Renee Karel (monitor List Serve)

Seat 7. District Support.

Chair: Lisa Rodriguez

Members: Jen Brumley

Seat 8. Resources.

Chair: Sarah Mello

Members: Doug Leavitt

Seat 9. Special Projects and Awards.

Chair: Jennifer Schindele

Members: Wendy Powell, Mackenzie Whatcott, Scott Learned

Seat 10. Community Service.

Chair: Jennifer Schindele

Members: Wendy Powell, Regan Charlton, Scott Learned

12. Bar Staff.

Update by Mahmood Sheikh. Can only carry over \$75/member at end of year. Usually we get lots of money coming in in December, as people rent CLEs at end.

Administrative fees. We get charged for staff time for setting up lunches, sending out notifications

Bank and Credit Card fees get passed on to us when people pay by credit card.

Website fee is the List Serve. Lindsey can upload documents very easily to web.

We can save costs if we have certain contact people to talk to Mahmood Sheikh, rather than having everyone contact him directly.

13. October CLE Ideas.

Possible topics: State's role in Medicaid and how it affects child support and the way orders should be written; SSI used in income calculations; PTSD/Mental Illness; GAL in Divorce; Steve Stokes/Military issues; Dr. Nielsen from Wakeforest could speak on 50-50 custody schedules, possibly could get underwritten.

Cannot pick the first Friday in October, due to conflict with Federal Courts

Discuss video for other locations—not ideal, as people lose interest