



MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2018

Members Present: Loriann Ouimet (phone); Kristina Larry; Shana Pavithran (late); Bruce Gardiner; Nikhil Bavariya (late).

Liaisons Present: Jordan Couch (phone), YLC Liaison

Advisors Present: John Redenbaugh; Ann Guinn (phone); Pete Roberts

Others Present:

Absent: Nancy Pacharzina; Shashi Vijay; Vitaliy Kertchen; Kari Petrasek; Gil Price.

The meeting was called to order by Kristina Larry at 12:06 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

10-3-2017

12-5-2017

01-27-2018

All minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report -Bruce

80% of the per member charges have been collected and we estimate 1000 members. We have a positive net income of just over \$12,000 but have not yet given our \$4000 commitment to the Conference.

There is a new budget request for next year's budget from the ECC. The MC will resend their request for next year.

Committee Reports

Education Committee Report -Pete

Contacted Mark Johnson to do a repeat of the ethics webinar from Dec and to do it again in June. There was a lot of interest in the subject. Will follow-up to verify. We do not have a technician for the mini-CLEs yet and they still need to find one.

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Jordan and Vitaliy are giving a webinar on April 17 for the electronic message board. The form for the webinar needs to be filled out ASAP; it must be in two months prior. The bar has to be notified and the date locked in to reserve the equipment. Need the link to the archive recording sent to John after the webinar to post on the website.

Electronic Communications Committee Report -John

There is a copy of the report on the Slack channel. The message board has been launched. The budget has been submitted to Bruce.

Jordan: The board is live and they have asked people to try it out and be test volunteers. About 10 people have asked to be a part of it, and all feedback has been good. It has not been used much in the last week. EC members are encouraged to help the beta test. No negative responses have been received. We will reach out again in an email in a few weeks and give the section information on dates. Everyone in the EC should be signing on and participating.

We approved the list serv guidelines at the retreat. We found a numbering error and corrected it.

Vote: Approved the change to the list serv guidelines.

Jordan: Reached out to Aaron Street, CEO, Lawyerist to provide content for back end page. They are reluctant to do any content that is backend and not public (marketing reasons) but could do it one time as a favor if we provided the content.

Vitaliy (via Slack): Proposed a NCAA board pool to encourage participation in the message board. Ann believes that this would have to be run by the bar and suggests we should send the idea to Paris and get some feedback.

Membership Committee Report -Jordan

We have had school events filled so far thanks to Kristina. SU and UW have changed their events, but we are a part of the SU event. UW's event is no longer the same so we cannot participate.

In April we are trying to do a network event and coordinate with the webinar. Jordan will send the event list to Spokane. Nancy is interested in a BBQ this summer. Kari is looking into a baseball game in late summer.

Kristina: Went to the mentorship luncheon. There were about 35 new solos; the remaining mentors were not part of the Solo Section. Was able to talk to people about the section. We don't know why the bar does not include us more due to the interest in solo practice.

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Executive Retreat -Ann

Kari, chair-elect, is not available the weekend of the retreat because the ABA mid-year is that weekend. We need to decide if we should go ahead with the retreat or change the date.

Voted and Passed: The new date is February 2nd.

Solo and Small Firm Conference -Ann

Voted: Approved two scholarships for the Conference. Cost is approximately \$800.

Working on speaker's list and curriculum. We are looking at two national speakers and we may be able to get both. Conference is Sept 21-22. We are making progress in lining up sponsors.

Housekeeping

Ann needs people to respond when she emails for a response for attendance at the meetings.

WSBA BOG Changes -Ann

They are going to discuss whether attorneys can say they specialize in anything. They have not mentioned whether this is due to a change in the ABA model rules. There are many significant changes proposed to RPC 7.1-7.3. For example, you can give a gift of a nominal value but not as a direct thank you. The referral must be made freely.

Adjourn: 12:40 pm