

MSBA ADR Council Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
MSBA Office – Minneapolis

In attendance: Madge Thorsen, David Lauth, Cynthia Waters, Patrick Burns, Marilyn McKnight, Linda Mealey-Lohmann, James Watchke, Leslie McEvoy, John Schulz

1. Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report: Section has \$10,060.78 as of end of May; two certificates of deposit with U.S. Bank with face value of approximately \$5,000 each matured July 22, 2009. Based on e-mail discussion with the council, he re-invested one for 6 months and redeemed the other. Annual membership dues around \$6,500, will be coming in during July and August.
3. Confirm year's meeting schedule: council meetings will be on 1st Thursday each month at 8:00 am, Section meetings will be on second Tuesday each month at 12:00 noon. September CLE on mediation is confirmed with Carolyn Chalmers and Stephen Erickson. Ashley (MSBA liason) will explore options for alternate meeting space due to MSBA scheduling conflict on October 13.
4. Speakers for October CLE: John will contact Attorney General Lori Swanson about her availability for a presentation on the consent decree with National Arbitration Forum ending arbitration of consumer credit card debt, as well as developing federal legislation. Other ideas for CLE's include peer mediation, restorative justice, school mediation, and updates from William Mitchell program grantees; list of previous CLEs and possible topics considered by email discussion will be circulated.
5. Sponsorship Request for ADR Practitioner Training: Nancy Berg requested the Section to sponsor "Cooperative Law" training by John Landis. The Section previously sponsored a presentation by John Landis. There was discussion whether the process is an ADR or legal process, and whether sponsorship from the entire bar association is more appropriate. Ashley will contact Nancy Berg for a specific course outline or agenda.

6. SelectADR: Patrick reported that the web roster is up and running. Patrick will send reminders to Section members of this benefit of membership and to update their profiles. Council members are encouraged to test the service and report any glitches. The next step is a proposal from the marketing chair to promote the service. Classified advertising and poster campaign to promote to the public were mentioned. Patrick will investigate deadlines and cost for Bench & Bar.

7. ADR Section website: Discussed need to update Legislation page, such as adding Arbitration Fairness Act, reporting what passed, archiving old items, and considering format of legislation pages for other sections.

Cynthia C. Waters