

MSBA ADR Council Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
MSBA Office – Minneapolis

In attendance: John Schulz, Cynthia Waters, Patrick Burns, Dave Allgeyer, Marilyn McKnight, Linda Mealey-Lohmann

1. Greetings
2. Treasurer's Report: David reported by email that our current balance is \$9,318.39, with revenues anticipated from member dues.
3. Monthly CLE Programs; September 8th is "Mediator Certification and Mediator Codes of Conduct" with Carolyn Chalmers and Stephen Erickson.

October CLE program: Attorney General Lori Swanson will discuss National Arbitration Forum and consumer arbitration issues at University of St. Thomas School of Law. Title yet to be determined. Not confirmed whether additional AG staff or other speakers will join discussion.

November and beyond: list of programs for past three years will be circulated. Other ideas from discussion include restorative justice; recent changes and disciplinary action by ADR Ethics Board; interplay of mediation, early neutral evaluation and courts; New Zealand model; recent public radio program on divorce; commercial / construction ADR; and employment and labor. Council may want to check agenda for ADR Institute on Oct. 30th to avoid repeat of same topics this fall.

4. Other Business: Grant program notice will be developed for posting, similar to what was used last year; application deadline to be November 15.

Meeting Space issues for CLEs: options for meeting spaces include President's Room for up to 60 people, St. Thomas, Guthrie, Dorsey law firm (free) , could also meet across the river;

Cooperative Law request for sponsorship of training by John Lande; council reached consensus that this is a legal, not ADR process, and section would not sponsor, but perhaps bar association or other section might be appropriate.

UCLA-Uniform Collaborative Law Act- draft will be introduced and council will keep members informed.

Volunteers for Patrick Henry Peer Mediation Program: There will be a need for mediators to volunteer as observers / coaches for students during training.

Select ADR: Patrick contacted current members about this benefit and reminded them to update their profile. Council members have tried out the website and reported glitches. The directory seems to be working now. Motion was made and passed to design, finalize and place ads in the October issues of *Bench & Bar* publications at cost of \$265 / month for 1/3 page to promote ADR and ADR Select. Thanks are due to Patrick and others for their efforts. Council discussed need for committee to promote ADR Select and ADR this year.

Cynthia C. Waters