

**MSBA – ADR Section Meeting  
November 10, 2009**

Minutes

The meeting, held at MSBA offices, was called to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. A list of attendees is attached.

1. Greetings. Linda Mealey-Lohmann and Madge Thorsen welcomed the attendees.
2. Minutes. Members approved minutes for September 13 and October 13 Section Meetings.
3. Treasurer's Report. David Lauth reported that as of 9/30/09 the section had a balance of \$15,108. The section expected to approve grants in the amount of \$5,000.
4. Grant Program. Funding guidelines are flexible enough to cover general operating funds, not just special projects. Members are urged to encourage organizations to apply.
5. SelectADR. Ads are running in the current issues of *The Hennepin Lawyer* and *Bench & Bar*, and the council has approved another six months' advertising. Members can sign up for this service as a benefit of membership.
6. Legislative Committee. No report.
7. Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The proposed act was approved by the Uniform Law Commissioners at their July meeting, and is under consideration by the bar association. The statute is comprehensive, addressing: full and fair disclosure, participation agreement, minimum number of provisions that must be included, voluntary participation, privilege for parties and professionals, procedure after ADR process for clients involved in court process, informed consent, and screening. Training requirements were not set out due to separation of powers of legislative and judicial functions. The Family Law Section of the MSBA has endorsed the proposed act, and it is now before the MSBA legislation committee.
8. CLE Programs. December's program on Global ADR is set with family court judge Carmen Molina from El Salvador, law professor Selina Yu Sun from the University of Beijing, China, and mediator Eduardo Wolle on ADR training in Panama..
9. Other Business.

Volunteers for Peer Mediation: Coaches are needed at Patrick Henry during clinic hours on Tuesdays and Thursday. Cases involve student disputes and are prescreened as appropriate for mediation (no violence). Training for volunteers new to coaching is provided. Contact Brian Bell of the bar association if interested.

ADR Institute. Attendance was greatest ever. Key note speaker was stranded by weather and unable to show.

Future CLE programs. Please contact the council with ideas for requests for programs.

10. Program: “Restorative Practices and Youth”

Oscar Reed, co-Founder of The Restorative Way and author of *Pass The Piece*, with Phyllis Harris, and “Boys To Men Circle” and “YODA” Circle (Young Women of Divine Achievement): Students from St. Louis Park Senior High School demonstrated the circle process. As they passed the talking piece, they introduced themselves, took turns to discuss guidelines for this restorative process, benefits, and lessons learned. Oscar Reed gave some history of the programs and shed light on his role as facilitator and advisor. The group answered questions from members.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia C. Waters, Secretary