

**MSBA – ADR Section Meeting
December 8, 2009**

Minutes

The meeting, held at MSBA offices, was called to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. A list of attendees is attached.

1. Greetings. Madge Thorsen welcomed the attendees.
2. Minutes. Members approved minutes for the November 10 Section Meeting.
3. Legislative Committee. RUAA legislative proposal has been introduced as drafted and is before the committee. No report yet on decision or other feedback.
4. Uniform Collaborative Law Act. No new information or updates.
5. Grant Program. ADR Council awarded two grants in the amount of \$2,500 each: to Conflict Resolution Center (formerly Minneapolis Mediation Program) to fund two programs: mediation in schools working with at risk youth, and a juvenile victim-offender restorative mediation program; and to Mediation and Conflict Solutions to fund a pilot program in Rochester for collaboration with local law enforcement to promote ADR referrals. The council also discussed ways to shore up funds for grant programs, such as a nonrefundable check-off, because of great need right now for the community mediation programs.
6. Volunteers for Peer Mediation: Persons interested in coaching are encouraged to contact Brian Bell of the bar association if interested.
7. Future CLE Programs. Please contact ADR council or MSBA.
8. Treasurer's Report. David Lauth reported that as of the end of October, 2009, the section had a balance of \$15,038. The section will expend \$5,000 in grant awards. The section has spent \$6,000 on advertising. Member dues run \$6,000-7,000. Section could discuss increasing grant amounts in future, as the need for general operating funds is great and it has been hard not to be able to give more.
9. Program: "Global Mediation" a presentation about current mediation practices internationally, with Professor Selina Yu Sun, Beijing Wuzi University Law Department, Joseph L. Daly, Professor of Law, Hamline University School of Law, Arbitrator / Mediator, and Mediator Eduardo Wolle, Founder of Rice County Dispute Resolution Program and an ADR Consultant in Panama.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia C. Waters, Secretary