

MSBA ADR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2011 (8:00 a.m.)

Attendance: Tamara Patton (MSBA Section Liaison), Patrick Burns, Dan Simon, Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Elise Peterson, Louis Robards, Gregory Bistram, Dave Allgeyer, Andrew Birkeland;

By telephone: Madge Thorsen, Roger Kramer

Absent: Jeff Ansel, Steve Schemenauer, Marilyn McKnight, John Schulz

The agenda is attached to these Minutes.

1. Approval of Agenda; approval of using MSBA Work Plan in place of August minutes.

2. **MSBA ADR CLEs.**

September Community Mediation and October Legislature Shutdown CLEs are set. Discussed holding October 11 CLE at St. Thomas - Louis will contact them to arrange space and beverages; do press release. Discussed topics for future CLEs and incorporated into Work Plan.

3. **MSBA ADR Work Plan.**

Finalized MSBA ADR Work Plan with caveat that changes can be made in future. Patrick will submit to MSBA by Sept. 15, 2011, due date.

4. **Donation Requests.**

Discussed request from MSBA Mock Trial and Civic education program coordinators for \$200 for annual fundraising campaign for 2 programs: Mock Trial Program (supports 119 teams in 270 trials) and Civic Education Programs (teach students about the rule of law and civic rights and responsibilities). Discussed whether request should be referred to grant program. Issue raised about rationale for ADR section supporting trial-related Bar programs. Discussed whether we could ear-mark funds for Operation Mediation (was joint project with ADR section and Civic Education in past); Tamara will check. Table this request until after budget update.

5. **2011-12 Grants Program**

Patrick and Tamara will send out notice for the grant application by September 15; post on website, send to list-serve; send to CRM; community vice-chairs help disseminate. Deadline for applications: November 15.

6. **Other Business**

MSBA ADR membership has 405 members. Discussed sending personal "invitations" to prominent ADR practitioners not on the list. Patrick will follow-up.

Website Update. Tamara reported that they are looking to see what programs are compatible with current data base management system. Website needs updating. Patrick and David are in discussion with Steve S.

Status of ADR Select. No contact - they ignored us. Query whether they have eliminated MN presence. Website is still up; David will check their website.

Discussed request to write amicus brief related to mediation/mediator role to resolve future disputes. Agreed not to be involved.

7. **New Business** – no new business.

8. Adjourn at 9:05am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Secretary
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