

MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION – ADR SECTION MEETING

January 8, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. A list of attendees is attached.

1. Chair Notes. The chair welcomed attendees, including 11 via teleconference. The chair again invited and encouraged all members to update (or delete if so desired) their biographical information on the website, adrselect.com.
2. Minutes of December 11, 2007 meeting. The minutes of December's meeting were approved.
3. Officer/Committee Reports.
 - a. Treasurer. The Section account balance is approximately \$20,000.
 - b. Publications. The Section continues to work on revisions to the website to make it easier to use to find ADR practitioners who are members of the section. The Section continues to publish cartoon ads in the Bench and Bar.
 - c. Legislative. Ellen Abbott reported that there were no new developments. By next meeting we will have more information about what new bills are on the agenda this session that pertain to the section. If anyone has information about any bills that the Section should be made aware of, please contact Ellen Abbott. The RUAA subcommittee has not yet met.
4. Approval of Section Gift Policy. The section voted to approve the Section Gift Policy, a copy of which was attached to the agenda.
5. Program. – “What Advocates Want (and Don't Want) in Arbitrators/What Arbitrators Want (and Don't Want) in Advocates.” Leo Stern moderated the panel. David Allgeyer and Madge Thorsen provided the arbitrator perspective. Bob DeMay and Frank Abramson provided the advocate perspective. Topics addressed included : arbitrator selection, arbitrator discretion, creativity, disclosures, non-neutral arbitrators, the preliminary hearing, pro se parties, questions from the arbitrator, discovery, motions and the importance of preparation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Sinner McEvoy, Secretary