

MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION – ADR SECTION MEETING

September 11, 2007

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

1. Past Chair Recognition. Linda Close presented a plaque to Jan Frankman in recognition of her service to the Section as Chair and Past Chair.
2. Minutes of May 8, 2007 meeting. The minutes of May's meeting were approved.
3. Annual ADR Institute. The 10th Annual ADR Institute will be held on October 19, 2008, with pre-conference intensives on Thursday October 18. In connection with the Institute a reception honoring 10 practitioners who have contributed to ADR in Minnesota in the past 10 years will be held on Thursday evening. 14 people have been nominated to date. They are: Professor James Coben, Stephen K. Erickson, Bill Funari, Mark McCrea, Theresia Fisher, Patrick Burns, Ellen Abbott, Beth Bailey-Allen, Janice K. Frankman, Gary Weissman, Dan Gislason, Michael Landrum, Professor Bobbi McAdoo and Rebecca Piccard. Further nominations were sought from the group. It was suggested that criteria for becoming an honoree in ADR be established for use by the committee choosing the honorees. It was further suggested that the bylaws serve as a starting point for developing those criteria.
4. Bylaws. Linda Close briefly explained the current status of the ADR Section bylaws and the general nature of changes being proposed by the ADR Council. Process area committees would be changed to practice area committees. The Bylaws committee will be meeting to do the proposed edits and plan to report to the Section in November. A question was raised as to the reason for the changes. The genesis for the changes was discussed, primarily focusing upon the fact that the current committee structure wasn't functioning very effectively.
4. Open Forum. The meeting was opened up to the group as an open forum to discuss the history and future of the Section. As part of that discussion, each Section member present introduced themselves and spoke about their involvement in ADR over the years. Input was sought about what members want to see from the Section in the coming year. Topics included : membership, including promotion and quality v. quantity; program content, including highlighting trends, lawyers and non-lawyers, marketing, practicality, listening skills and core competencies; goals for the section, mission statement(improving practice and elevating standards), cross-fertilization with other sections.
5. Programs. Patrick Burns reported that the program for October will include a speaker from the Minnesota Association of Justice (formerly MTLA) concerning the new federal arbitration act. In November, Mark Catron from the ADR Review Board will speak

about the board. The discussion was opened up to the group to invite ideas for future programs. Ideas included:

- practical, business side
- how to build your practice
- International ADR
- conflict resolution systems of new Americans
- panel of thinkers about conflict, e.g., Ken Fox, Helen Preddy
- what is happening in school conflict resolution
- William Mitchell program to design conflict resolution systems for business

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Sinner McEvoy, Secretary