

MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION – ADR SECTION MEETING

October 9, 2007

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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 ADR Institute is scheduled for October 19, 2007. On October 18 the Section will host a Welcome Event at 4:30 p.m. at which time 10 people who have made significant contributions to the field of ADR in Minnesota over the past 10 years will be honored. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Also on October 18, Nina Meierding will be presenting a pre-Institute program entitled "The Mediators Guide to Negotiations." Hal Abramson will also offer a pre-Institute program entitled "Mediation Advocacy" on that date.

The Section is undertaking several projects this year, including: revisions to the website and updating of the neutrals listing; ADR promotion and education including a poster program; and consideration of the ideas generated by membership at the September Section meeting.

2. Minutes of September 11, 2007 meeting. The minutes of September's meeting were approved with one amendment. It was requested that, for September and for each month going forward, the minutes include the list of attendees from the meeting.

3. Officer/Committee Reports.

a. Treasurer – The Section account balance is \$23, 180.43 Estimated anticipated expenditures include : \$10,000.00 for the website update; \$1000.00 for the poster program; and \$2400.00 for print ads in local legal publications.

b. Program for next month – Mark Catron from the ADR Review Board will speak about the work of the board.

c. Publications report – The Section is seeking to make the bio section of the MSBA website a useful tool for practitioners. We are seeking further proposals for the updates.

d. Legislative Update – RUAA and UMA will be introduced this session. A committee will be formed to discuss UMA. Anyone interested should contact Ellen Abbott.

4. Motion and Resolution Regarding RUAA. After discussion, the proposed "Resolution Regarding Revised Uniform Arbitration Act" attached to the agenda was unanimously approved with the following amendments: In the third paragraph after "in support of", "a

modified version of” shall be inserted. In the last paragraph, the term “MSBA” should be deleted and “ADR” inserted in its place.

5. Programs. Proposed changes to the FAA. Joe Crumley, President of the Minnesota Association for Justice spoke in support of the proposed changes to the FAA. Members engaged in a discussion of the proposed changes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Sinner McEvoy, Secretary