

MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION – ADR SECTION MEETING

March 11, 2008

MINUTES

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

1. Chair Notes. Ellen Abbott acted as chair in the absence of David Allgeyer. The acting chair welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Minutes of February 12, 2008 meeting. The minutes of February's meeting were approved.
3. Officer/Committee Reports.
 - a. Treasurer. The acting chair reported that the Section account balance is approximately \$18,319.69. The Section is contemplating one major expense in updating the website. The new grant program is in place for next year. Up to \$5000 can be granted under the program.
 - b. Publications. The Section continues to work on improvements to the website to update the listing for ADR providers.
 - c. Legislative. Ellen Abbott reported that neither the RUAA nor the UMA are pending before the legislature at this time. It is not likely that either will be introduced this session.
4. Bylaws Revision. The bylaws have been revised to reflect the actual work of the section. Copies of the bylaws with revisions were available for review prior to the meeting and at the meeting. The acting chair noted one typographical error on page 4, at letter B. The length of term is listed as "two- one." The acting chair stated that it was her understanding that the clause should read "one." With that clarification, the acting chair asked that a vote be taken to approve the bylaws so that the bylaws can be submitted to the MSBA Assembly for final approval. The Section approved the revised bylaws with the provision that the clause is intended to read "one." A copy of the bylaws with revisions is attached.
5. Announcements.
 - Nancy Ver Steegh announced that William Mitchell is hosting an Elder Mediation event this summer.
 - Nancy Ver Steegh announced that the Minnesota Appellate Courts are instituting a pilot program for mediating family cases at the appellate level and is seeking input and participation from the Bar.

6. Program. – “What ADR Practitioners Need to Know About Domestic Violence.” The program was presented by Nancy Ver Steegh, Professor, William Mitchell College of Law. Professor Ver Steegh presented research addressing “Mediation and Domestic Violence: Screening and Differentiation”. Some types of domestic violence cases are better candidates for safe and successful mediation, while others are not. This research highlights some of the factors to consider when making the decision to mediate particular cases involving, or potentially involving, domestic violence.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Sinner McEvoy, Secretary

Attendees:

Ellen Abbott
Mary Boatright
Reggie Bowerman (teleconference)
Brian Ciccone
Lee Eddison (teleconference)
Janelle Ehrenstrom
Dwain Fagerlund (teleconference)
Matt Hiler
Mandi Hill
Abdiaziz Hirsi
Ronnie Howell
Shaun Jamison
Michael Kallas (teleconference)

Michael Klemm (teleconference)
Thomas Lovett
Lydia Lui
Michael Maza
Leslie Sinner McEvoy
Linda Mealey-Lohmann
Ken Myers (teleconference)
Julie Peak (teleconference)
Linda Rawy
Ann Seifert
Madge Thorsen
Nancy Ver Steegh
Fatima Villasenor