

## MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL

### Minutes of March 3, 2011 Meeting

Attending: Chuck Webber, Steve Buterin, Jeff Muszynski, ~~Andrea Reibold~~, Paula Vraa, Erik Hansen, Robin Wolpert, Judge Bjorkman, Judge Willis, Diane Bratvold, Ashley Hacker, Rachel Bond, Liz Kramer, Louise Beherent, *Karen Cole*.

Chuck Webber opened the meeting and requested approval of the minutes for the February 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Robin Wolpert provided the treasurer's report on behalf of Jon Schmidt. Based on figures available as of March 2011, the section's balance is \$3,558.78.

Chuck Webber requested input from the Council as to whether Section dues should be increased for next year. The Council shared the views expressed by Chuck Webber and Erik Hansen that there is no reason to raise dues because we have sufficient funds to conduct the activities supported by the Council. The Council voted to leave dues at the current amount of \$31 per year.

Robin Wolpert reported that Lyle Denniston would be our speaker for the April luncheon. The event has been fully planned and the email invitation will be going out this week.

Robin Wolpert reported that she is exploring Justice Barry Anderson's idea of inviting Deans Chemerinsky and Eastman to speak at our August luncheon. The Council discussed possible co-sponsors to help defray the costs of this event. Robin agreed to ask the chair of the Civil Litigation Section to co-sponsor the event.

Robin Wolpert sought direction from the Council regarding who should be the keynote speaker at the Court of Appeals reunion. The Council recommended that Judge Leo Brisbois be our speaker. Louise Beherent agreed to contact Judge Brisbois on behalf of the Council.

The Council next discussed the annual event and enthusiastically supported the idea of having Judge Toussaint as our speaker. Louise Beherent, Liz Kramer, Judge Bjorkman, and Chuck Webber agreed to serve on the planning committee for this event.

Chuck Webber asked if anyone from the Council besides Robin Wolpert wished to serve as the Section's representative in the MSBA Assembly. Chuck asked those interested in serving to send him an email.

Chuck Webber asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Diane Bratvold volunteered to serve on the committee. The Council recommended that Kay Nord Hunt and Jim Simonson be asked to serve on the committee. Chuck said that he would contact Hunt and Simonson.

**Robin Wolpert**  
**Vice Chair**