

## **MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of February 4, 2010 Meeting**

Attending: Steve Buterin, Chuck Webber, Sherri Hawley, Peter Gray, John Baker, James Simonson, Karl Robinson, Paula Vraa, Andrea Reisbord, Kay Nord Hunt, Erik Hansen, Diane Bratvold, Ken White, Robin Wolpert.

Steve Buterin opened the meeting and requested approval of the minutes for the January 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Robin Wolpert provided the treasurer's report. Based on figures available as of February 2010, the section's balance was \$4,873.19.

Steve Buterin then directed the discussion to the subject of the year in review. 56 people attended the year in review. The event was well-attended and well-received. It is currently estimated that the Section made a profit of approximately \$100 on this event.

The Council next discussed and approved the idea of holding a supreme court law clerk reunion at the next appellate practice lunch. Robin Wolpert reported that the Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society would co-sponsor this event. The Council also approved of May 21 as the date for the lunch at Town and Country in St. Paul.

Steve Buterin then requested Council input on the question of whether the Section should contribute to the MSBA's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. The Council approved contributing \$250 to the Fund.

With respect to the Nine Days in June CLE, Steve Buterin informed the Council of the results of the MSBA survey designed to gauge topics of interest of MSBA members. According to the survey results, MSBA members would prefer a CLE regarding recent notable appellate court decisions rather than a CLE regarding the nuts and bolts of appellate practice. MSBA envisions the appellate practice CLEs as shared presentations involving a practitioner and an appellate judge.

Steve Buterin then requested discussion on the question of whether the Section should offer a formal response to the Access and Service Delivery 2 Committee's Report to the Judicial Council. Steve explained that the core issue in the report involves the use of digital records of trial court proceedings. Council members Diane Bratvold, Peter Gray, John Baker, and Chuck Webber indicated that this issue was one of concern to appellate practitioners and that the Council needed more time to provide a thoughtful response. Steve stated that he would ask for additional time to provide comments on the report and that he would later appoint a committee to develop such comments.

Robin Wolpert reported that the planning for the February 22 lunch was completed.

Steve Buterin reported that the planning was all done for the Appellate Practice Institute in March.

Steve Buterin suggested that the Council should begin planning the annual meeting and that the goal would be to hold the event sometime the week of May 10 in St. Paul.

Robin Wolpert  
Secretary/Treasurer