

MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL

Minutes of March 4, 2010 Meeting

Attending: Chuck Webber, Peter Gray, John Baker, Karl Robinson, Paula Vraa, Andrea Reisbord, Robin Wolpert, Judge Willis, Ken White, Erik Hansen, Diane Bratvold, Jim Simonson.

Chuck Webber opened the meeting and requested approval of the minutes for the February 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Robin Wolpert provided the treasurer's report. Based on figures available as of March 2010, the section's balance was \$4,697.72.

Chuck Webber then directed the discussion to the subject of the appellate practice luncheon held in February. 53 people attended, many of whom were public sector attorneys. Many judges from the Court of Appeals attended as well.

Robin Wolpert reported on the status of the planning for the law clerk reunion in May. Town and Country has been reserved. Robin and Ashley worked on the save the date email, which has been sent out to section members and will be sent out to Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society members. We are waiting for the former law clerk email list from the Supreme Court. There was a brief discussion regarding possible speakers for the event, including Nadine Strossen and Adam Samaha. Paula Vraa volunteered to contact Nadine Strossen. Andrea Reisbord and Paula Vraa volunteered to work on the menu for the event.

On the subject of the appellate practice lunches, Robin Wolpert raised the question of speakers for future lunches. The council discussed Lyle Dennison of SCOTUS Blog, Jan Greenberg, and Walter Dellinger as possible speakers.

Chuck Webber reported that the Appellate Practice Institute was completely planned.

On the subject of the annual meeting and dinner, Chuck Webber reported that Christos has been reserved for May 11 and May 13. The dinner charge will be \$27 per person. The council discussed possible speakers, including Mark Elias. John Baker volunteered to contact Elias to see if he'd be our speaker for this event.

Chuck Webber then reported that we need to set up a nominations committee to select officers and new members of the council. Two members must be from outside the council. Chuck suggested discussing this at the next meeting and getting the committee up and running as soon as possible.

Robin Wolpert
Secretary/Treasurer