

MSBA'S APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION COUNCIL

Minutes of April 1, 2010 Meeting

Attending: Steve Buterin, Diane Bratvold, Karl Robinson, Jim Simonson, Karen Cole, Peter Gray, Karl Robinson, Paula Vraa, Andrea Reisbord, Robin Wolpert, Judge Willis, Judge Bjorkman, Louise Beherent, Sherri Hawley, Erik Hanson, Ken White.

Steve Buterin opened the meeting and requested approval of the minutes for the March 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 is \$4,548.25

Robin Wolpert reported on the status of the planning for the law clerk reunion in May. Our speaker is Professor Adam Samaha of the University of Chicago Law School. The menu is planned. Email invitations have gone out to our section members. Email invitations to Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society members and hard copy invitations will go out this week. The council discussed and approved the proposed pricing for the event. The price to attend the lunch will be \$30 for section and Society members; \$25 for current appellate law clerks; and \$35 for nonsection and nonSociety members.

Steve Buterin reported that the presentation schedule for the appellate practice CLEs for Nine days in June is all set. Justice Paul Anderson will be preparing the materials.

Steve Buterin reported that the annual dinner will cost about \$1993.60. This figure is based on 50 attendees. Marc Elias has agreed to be our speaker. We will continue to work with Marc Elias to plan the logistics of the event.

Steve Buterin then directed the discussion to the subject of whether the section should raise its dues. After discussion, the council approved keeping the section dues the same as they are, at \$25 per year.

Steve Buterin asked for volunteers to serve on the council elections committee to select a slate of candidates for the next term. Sherri Hawley volunteered to serve on the committee and recruit two other members to serve with her.

Robin Wolpert raised the question of whether we should have David Stras do a Supreme Court preview every fall for our fall luncheon. The council approved this idea. Robin also asked for permission to work with Judge Wright to recruit Walter Dellinger to be our speaker for the summer luncheon. The council approved this idea.

Steve Buterin provided a recap on the Appellate Practice Institute, observing that it was well attended and very well received.

Steve Buterin announced that a new lawyer reception will be held on May 6 and asked for volunteers to attend the event. Steve said he would attend and Erik Hanson also agreed to attend.

Robin Wolpert
Secretary/Treasurer