

**MSBA COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION**  
**MINUTES — COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Katheryn Andresen – A  
Miguel Azar (Chair) – P  
James A. Blomquist – P  
Bob Boerschel – A  
Kevin S. Brady – A  
Charles P. Brink – P  
Stephen W. Buckingham – P  
John J. Carney – P  
James C. Evans (Vice Chair) – P  
Paul W. Godfread – P  
Christopher Hilberg – P  
Michael Lawyer – A  
Heather Keisling – E  
Alycia R. Kirkevold – A  
Patrick Middon – A

Jamie Nafziger – P  
Allen J. Oh (Secretary) – P  
Damien Riehl (Immed. Past Chair) – P  
Carolyn M. Sandberg – P  
Todd Schenk (Treasurer) -- P  
Thomas R. Sheran – P  
John Taft – P  
Steven Burt Toeniskoetter – P  
Daniel A. Tysver – P  
Kari Wangensteen – P

P= Present    A= Absent w/o excuse    E=Absent w/excuse

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Linda Hopkins, Jon Farnsworth, Camille Bryant, Jim Graves, Jeffrey Cadwell, David Zubke, Marilynn Lyndon, Sean Harrington, Kenneth Kunkle, Gregory Perleberg; Tram Nguyen (MSBA Liaison). By phone: Elena Claros, John McBroom.

- I. **Call to Order: 11:42am**
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Allen Oh. There were corrections to the minutes from the May annual meeting: Carolyn Sandberg was listed twice in the roster [AJO: After the meeting, I discovered that Damien Riehl and Thomas Sheran were also listed twice]. Allen Oh was listed as having been elected as Treasurer, rather than as Secretary. Minutes approved as amended.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris Evans. The ending balance was \$6,074.40, as of June 30, 2009, as compared with \$6,207.01 on July 1, 2008. The Section incurred approximately \$2,200 of expenses in June 2009, primarily catering for the annual meeting. Reports for July and August 2009 are not yet available from the MSBA as they are being audited.

- IV. **Treasurer discussion/vote:** Chris Evans has been serving as both Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Section, but wishes to focus on the Vice Chair role. Chip Brink stated that per the bylaws, Chris must resign as Treasurer and a new Treasurer must be nominated and elected. Chris resigned as Treasurer and nominated Todd Schenk, who has attended most if not all of the council meetings and who has served on the Outreach Committee and has agreed to chair the Outreach Committee this year. Nomination was seconded by Damien Riehl and passed by a unanimous vote.
- V. **MSBA Directives:** Miguel Azar. The MSBA has directed the sections, including our Section, to meet a number of efforts:
- a. Diversity: inward view, outward view.
  - b. Legislation: the MSBA wants sections to become more involved in legislative efforts. Miguel Azar had commented to the MSBA that we usually get involved too late in the process.
  - c. Judicial Selection: The MSBA wants sections to become involved in the judicial selection process. Chris Evans suggested that we form a committee to foster these initiatives. Linda Hopkins may be interested in these things, as she has relationships with state government. Miguel Azar will do a little more digging and we will revisit next time to consider what action, if any, to take as a section.
  - d. NINE DAYS IN JUNE (Convention coming to various districts, with final day/s in Mpls./St. Paul) – MSBA wants each section to have a canned presentation for outstate attendees. Our demographic is very concentrated in the Twin Cities metro. MSBA wants a face-to-face presence rather than a telepresence. Jim Blomquist is hesitant to send someone – he is thinking that the MSBA wants someone local to each district, and it may be a waste of time to send someone to give a CLE that no one may attend. Steve Buckingham thinks that before we put together a canned CLE, we should assess interest – the areas we would present on are largely irrelevant to small town practitioners. Linda Hopkins thinks we should solicit input from small town lawyers. Jim Blomquist thinks the MSBA may not need us. Tram Nguyen says the MSBA wants a yes/no decision by 9/28. We will table discussion.
  - e. CONSIDER STREAMING VIDEO of meetings for \$75. Damien Riehl said this might be good for CLE's with Powerpoints. Miguel will get more details. Currently, no charge for section members calling in.

VI. **CLEs & Round Tables**

- a. SEP: Chris Hilberg and Damien Riehl will present a roundtable discussion entitled “Is Copyright Law in Need of a Digital Makeover?” after the meeting.
- b. OCT: Jim Blomquist on Case Law. *(Allen Oh note: per the Computer & Technology Section CLE invitation sent 9/24/09, the CLE topic for 10/13/09 will be “Small Scale Digital Device Forensics: Evidence From Mobile Phones and GPS May Surprise You” and will be presented by John Carney.)*

**VII. Committees to Fill**

- a. Section Blog: Kevin Brady was unable to attend today. Damien Riehl will talk to him to see if he is interested. Either Damien or Kevin will lead the committee.
- b. Nominations/Bylaws: Chip Brink.
- c. Membership/Student Outreach: Todd Schenk (Chair), Carolyn Sandberg, Chris Evans,
- d. Steve Buckingham.
- e. Case Law: Jim Blomquist.
- f. Legislative: Allen Oh, Miguel Azar.
- g. Patent: Chris Hilberg, Chris Evans.
- h. Privacy & Data Security: Kari Wangensteen.
- i. Contracts: Miguel Azar.
- j. Computer Law Institute 2009. Miguel Azar.
- k. 2009 Annual Meeting: Chris Evans.
- l. Noontime CLEs, Technology Roundtable, Website: DISBANDED.

VIII. Writing Contest Scholarship: Damien Riehl, Dan Tysver and Todd Schenk will chair.

**IX. Adjourn: 12:08pm**