

**MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

Elder Law Section  
Communications Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2009

**The mission of the Communications Committee is to  
keep the membership of the Elder Law Section  
aware of matters of interest to section members.**

**Members Present:** Vicki McIntyre, Jon Lips, Peter Hendricks, Kim Dayton, Joel Smith, Ken LaBore, Julian Zweber, Laurie Hanson, Kristine Mullmann and Suzy Scheller.  
Guest Janelle Schrupp was also present.

On Monday June 1, 2009, the Communications Committee of the Elder Law Council met from 12:00 to 1:00 at Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A. in St. Louis Park. We discussed the following agenda items:

1. **MSBA's removal of letter from our website.** At the Governing Council meeting in April, the Council voted to have Jeff write a letter to MSBA expressing our concern with the process by which a letter was removed from our website. At our meeting we determined that we would not take further action except to advise Jeff Schmidt that he should request that, prior to removing any document from our website, the MSBA staff contact the chair of the Communications Committee or the Website Editor. This is because we have a process for placing items on the website and that process should be respected. The item that was removed will remain removed at the request of the author.
2. **Structure of the Communications Committee.** There will be a chair of the Committee, a Newsletter Editor, and a Website Editor each with different responsibilities. There will be a dedicated newsletter page on the Website which the newsletter editor will use to post the current newsletter along with links to current articles. The Website Editors will be responsible for permanent/long-term posts to the website.
3. **Appointment of Website Editor.** Kim Dayton will serve as Editor of the website and Janelle Schrupp will serve as Associate Editor. They will be responsible for revamping the site to make it more user-friendly and to manage additions to the website. Kim and Janelle will try to get the proposed redesign done so that it could be ready for the August council meeting.
4. **Newsletter Editor.** The committee praised Suzy for her work as Editor of the newsletter. It continues to be great. We are worried that she will burn out and asked that someone step up to the plate to be her Associate Editor, to learn the ropes, and to be available when she could not put the newsletter out. Jon Lips agreed to do so.
5. **The Survey.** We will contact those people who volunteered through the survey to help out with the newsletter and to see if members are interested in an "outstate" newsletter section.

