

MSBA ELDER LAW SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

RiverCentre/St. Paul

Meeting Room #1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 1:57 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF 6-9-09 MINUTES**

Membership approved the minutes from 2009 Annual Meeting as presented.

3. **LAWPAC PRESENTATION**

Brian Lake, Government Relations Director with MSBA, presented information regarding LAW PAC, the bar's political action committee. LAW PAC is nonpartisan and is funded by individual contributions by members. Though dormant in recent years, LAW PAC has been revitalized by the size of the bar's legislative agenda. Contributions are needed to provide support to friends in the legislature, and are a way to support the bar and protect your practice. Current budget deficits make it likely that the state will revisit the proposed sales tax on legal services. Contributions go to reelection of candidates who have been supportive of the bar's agenda, including appropriate judicial/court system funding.

4. **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Vicki McIntyre will be preparing the annual report. The Elder Law Section has 494 members; just over 10% of membership is students. There are 13 standing committees. Every Governing Council member is required to serve on at least one committee.

Projects/accomplishments: The accomplishments of the past year include the success of the e-newsletter; the website redesign which provides a lot more information than previously; obtaining the State Plan; NHDD (state liaison); ELI; getting students involved through the law student committee; MA committee – unique forum; CLE in a box and projusticemn.org; the work of the Vulnerable Adult Committee in reaching out to the community.

5. **NOMINATIONS**

The slate of nominations was formally presented. Nominations from the floor were taken for student members Sarah Leonard and Adam Rohne who provided statements of interest.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Section voted in favor of the slate in its entirety.

7. **STATEMENT FROM INCOMING CHAIR JENNIFER WRIGHT**

Welcome to you all, section members, Governing Council members, officers, and guests. I am extremely sorry that I am not able to be with you at our Annual Meeting today. As you meet, I am in Tel Aviv, Israel, presenting at an academic conference. I regret that the timing of this conference made it impossible for me to be with you today.

I want to extend my thanks, first to our outgoing chair, Vicki McIntyre, who did such an outstanding job that I know I will be unable to fully fill her shoes. Thanks to her also for offering to bring my words to you all today. I also want to thank our outgoing secretary, Kristine Mullmann, for all her hard work. Of course, that hard work will continue this year in her role as ongoing chair of the Pro Bono Committee/NHDD. My next thanks go to Janet Totter, who continues her excellent work as treasurer for another year, and to Suzy Scheller and Laura Zdychnec, who will serve as vice chair and secretary for the coming year. Next, I want to thank all of the members of the Governing Council, those who were elected today, and those who are continuing ongoing terms. I am very lucky to get to work with such a great bunch of people. I also want to thank all the section members, who as a group make practicing elder law in Minnesota so rewarding.

As chair of the Elder Law Section's Governing Council, I hope in the next year to continue and build on our achievements. In particular, I want to support and continue the development of our member communications, particularly the E-newsletter and the website. These are exceptionally valuable resources that we offer to our members. I want to continue to grow opportunities for our members to provide pro bono services to those in need. And I want to continue to develop new leadership in the section, by welcoming and incorporating new attorneys into our work. Along those lines, I want to extend a special welcome and word of thanks to our incoming student members, Adam Heuett, Ruthanne Vos, Adam Rohne, and Sarah Leonard. They truly represent the future of the section.

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

All committees are to meet before the August governing council meeting.

- Awards Committee – Stuart Bear will co-chair with Julian Zweber.
- Greater MN Committee – the committee is on hiatus.
- Law Student Committee - Laura Orr will co-chair with John Kantke.
- Sally Mortenson volunteered to chair the Member Education Committee.

An alternate is needed for MSBA Assembly representative. Anyone interested should contact Jennifer Wright.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.