

General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section News

Winter 2006

Volume 1, Number 1

In This Issue

- 2006 Call for Section Council Nominations
- 2005 Success Conference
- Coaching Summit
- 2006 Success Conference
- 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Registration Form for Coaching Summit
- Registration Form for Success Conference

Section Council

Diana Longrie-Kline	Chair
Karl O. Friedrichs	Vice-Chair
Helen M. Federline	Treasurer
Patricia M. Buss	Secretary
Patrick W. Kelly	
Teresa F. McClain	Council
Robert W. Woodke	Members
Joseph Field	

Mark Your Calendars

April 6 – Coaching Summit with Ed Poll
April 7 – Solo & Small Firm Success Conference and Section Annual Meeting
Crowne Plaza, 2200 Freeway Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Contact Us

www2.mnbar.org/sections/general-practice/index.htm

2006 Section Council Nominations Open

Nominations are open for three positions on the Section Council. All terms are for 3 years. There is also a partial-term position open; this term has 1 year remaining. Karl Friedrichs, Patrick W. Kelly and Robert W. Woodke currently hold these positions; Mr. Kelly has indicated that he will not seek another term; Mr. Friedrichs and Mr. Woodke are uncertain. If you are interested in serving on the section council (self-nominations are welcome), please contact Helen Federline at hmf@hmsparalegal.com.

2005 Solo & Small Firm Success Conference is a Success!

The 2005 Annual Solo & Small Firm Success Conference was well attended, and everyone agreed that the conference was a success. Attendees were able to earn 5.5 hours of CLE credit, with course offerings in both substantive and practice management areas, along with ethics. We were very fortunate to have the Hon. Sam Hanson, MN Supreme Court Justice, as our dinner speaker. See pages 2 – 5 for pictures.

Coaching Summit

Have you ever considered consulting with a practice management coach to improve your practice & your life?

Did you miss Ed Poll at the 2005 MSBA Convention?

Here's your chance! Through a special arrangement, we are offering a half-day coaching summit with Mr. Poll, a nationally-known Certified Practice Management Coach, at a bargain-basement price. Mr. Poll normally charges \$3,000 for an opportunity to spend a half-day with him coaching you. You can attend this special session for only \$175.00 as a GPSSF section member!

For the brochure and registration information, please see page 6, or visit the section homepage (see Contact Us in the left column); then click on "Register now" at the top of the page. Online registration is available.

2005 Success Conference

Materials from the 2005 Success Conference are available for purchase: \$45 includes shipping & handling. Contact Helen Federline at hmf@hmsparalegal.com to order.

Speakers Jodi Standke & Suzanne Egli



2006 Annual Solo & Small Firm Success Conference

The 2006 Success Conference and Section Annual Meeting are scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Brooklyn Center.

This year's conference promises to be even better than last year, with great speakers lined up.

Ed Poll will be delivering the keynote speech in the morning, and will also be presenting on the topics of Creating a Success Plan and Setting, Raising, & Collecting Legal Fees.

Todd Scott of MLM will be presenting on The Paperless Office; Julian Zweber and Helen Federline will present Practical Probate Tips; and we have sessions on patent law and immigration issues in family law. Once again, we have our 50 Tips in 60 Minutes Tech panel, with 5 (yep, count 'em, 5!) panelists this year.

Tim Gephart, also of MLM, will be giving an update on Ethics and changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct. We also expect to have several vendor demo sessions, with vendors available all day.

This year's dinner speaker is Judge Donovan Frank, United States District Court, District of Minnesota. Judge Frank is a very entertaining speaker, and everyone should enjoy him.

For the brochure and registration information, please see page 6, or visit the section homepage (see Contact Us in the left column on the first page); then click on "Register now" at the top of the page. Online registration is available. All meals are included in registration!

2005 Success Conference (cont.)

Beginning the day with breakfast & vendor demo...



Speakers Patrick Kelly & Rana Severson



Speaker Charlie Hvass



Speaker Joan Humes

Attending one of the class sessions...



Dinner Speaker
MN Supreme Court Justice Sam Hanson

Speaker Tim Gephart



Steve Silton, business law session speaker



The ever-popular tech panel!

Another class session...



Some of the vendors...

Patty Duffy, one of the vendors



More vendors...



Publishing Policy: Articles published in the GPSSF Section Newsletter express the opinions of the individual authors and do not necessarily represent the formal position of GPSSF or the MSBA.

Copyright © 2006 MSBA-GPSSF Section. All rights reserved.

Articles: Readers are invited to submit article queries, material for consideration for publication, and replies to previously published articles to Helen Federline at hmf@hmsparalegal.com

GPSSF Section News is published quarterly.

2005 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2005, Holiday Inn Select, Brooklyn Center, MN

The meeting was called to order by Patrick W. Kelly, Chair of the Section.

The Secretary's report was approved as presented. The Treasurer reported that as of January 31, 2005, there was about \$3,400 in the Section's account. It was also reported that there are about 300 members in the Section.

Nominations then occurred for the four open Section Council positions. The following persons were nominated and elected to the following terms:

Helen Federline	3-year term
Patricia Buss	3-year term
Joseph Fields	3-year term
Karl Friedrichs	complete a 1-year term

Helen Federline reported that the Referral Directory remains available in electronic form, and that we would welcome any other Section members that would like to be listed in the Directory.

Patrick W. Kelly reported that he would like to continue efforts to get a "Stand-up" program going, in which members of the Section get together to discuss topics or issues that members have among themselves or with other sections such as the New Lawyers Section or the Practice Management Section. It was mentioned that LaVern Pritchard, with the Practice Management Section, has some interest in merging their section with ours.

Discussion occurred regarding the need to continue a Section Newsletter.

The MSBA Convention will be at Madden's Resort from June 15-17, 2005. The GPS&SF section will try to coordinate having a "reception" or "gathering" room on at least one of the days of the convention.

Robert Woodke discussed the creation and promotion of a GPS&SF Member of the Year Award that could be presented to a Section member that gives back to their community and the Bar Association. We discussed possibly sending out a press release to the attorney's local community, if the Section issues such an award. Perhaps also have a presentation at the MSBA convention.

Some discussion then occurred regarding topics for the 2006 GPS&SF Success Conference. Potential topics for the conference were: Edward Poll on management issues, employee relations, marketing, Charlie Hvass, forensics, mediation and other ADR options. It was decided to try to hold the conference on a Friday in April, at the same hotel, if possible.

A motion was made and approved to have the Section Council name a representative for the Section at the MSBA Assembly to be held at the Annual MSBA Convention.

It was announced that the MSBA Paralegal Committee and the MN Paralegal Association were doing a "Bears on Patrol" program to collect teddy bears for the State Patrol to have in their cars in the event a child is involved in an accident or other incident.

The meeting was then adjourned.

2006 Success Conference Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

£ GPSSF Member \$175 £ MSBA Member \$195
£ Non-MSBA Member \$225
£ Guest – Dinner only \$55
£ I want to join the GPSSF Section and my \$15 dues are included.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Guest Name _____

Mail to: Mary Kempton
MSBA
600 Nicollet Mall, Ste. 380
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Questions? Contact Helen Federline at
hmf@hmsparalegal.com

Coaching Summit Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

£ GPSSF Member \$175 £ MSBA Member \$195
£ Non-MSBA Member \$225
£ I want to join the GPSSF Section and my \$15 dues are included.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Mary Kempton
MSBA
600 Nicollet Mall, Ste. 380
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Questions? Contact Helen Federline at
hmf@hmsparalegal.com