

**MINNESOTA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of January 12, 2010, Meeting

Members in attendance: Bob Boisvert, Tom Trachsel, Connie Howard, Mark Pihart, John Klassen, Mary Martin, Chris Jozwiak, Jessica Looman, Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Chuck Knapp, Beth Bertelson, and Beth Papacek.

Members not in attendance: N/A

Other attendees: Ashley Hacker, MSBA.

The meeting started at approximately 3:35 p.m.

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were approved.
- II. Financial report.** The most recent balance was reported as \$35,962.40.
- III. Section projects**
 - A. Labor and employment publication.** The most recent issue was disseminated just before the holidays.
 - B. Practicelaw.org.** Ms. Martin reported that there is no update.
 - C. State court database.** Mr. Boisvert reported that another MSBA section has expressed interest in moving this project forward, and there are ongoing discussions with two other MSBA sections. A meeting has been scheduled for February 4, 2010, to further explore this project.
 - D. Section website.** Mr. Pihart reported that there is no update.
 - E. Labor and employment certification.** Mr. Boisvert reported that the State Board of Legal Certification has approved the certification. Minnesota CLE is developing a review course. A request has been made that members of the Committee be allowed to apply for the certification without paying the application fee. After questions were raised concerning the day-to-day administration of the program, there was a consensus that consideration of this request should be deferred until this is clarified. Mr. Boisvert and Mr. Trachsel will follow-up on this issue, and this will likely include discussions with Jessica Thomas from MSBA.
 - F. Law school outreach.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann and Ms. Howard reported that the law school reception will be held on March 25 at Solera.

- G. **Speakers bureau.** Ms. Looman provided a comprehensive report and update on the efforts to create and maintain a “speakers bureau” on the Section’s website, as well as the issues that need to be addressed before this project can go live. Appreciation was expressed for the hard work on the part of Ms. Looman, Ms. Papacek, and Elyse Farnsworth on this project.

IV. Section Programs

- A. **Fall Labor & Employment Law Institute.** There was no report, as this occurred back in November.
- B. **Winter luncheon.** Ms. Papacek reported on the planning for the Winter Luncheon. The tentative date is March 3.
- C. **Spring Employment Law Institute.** No report.
- D. **Nine Days in June.** Ms. Papecek reported on the level of interest for labor and employment law continuing legal education sessions.
- E. **Enforcement agency training program.** No report.
- G. **Annual dinner.** There was a brief discussion concerning possible topics and speakers.

V. Section liaisons.

- A. **MSBA Assembly.** No report.
- B. **NLRB.** No report.
- C. **DOL.** No report.
- D. **EEOC.** No report.
- E. **MDHR/City Agencies.** No report.
- F. **Minnesota Legislature.** No report.
- G. **Bureau of Mediation Services.** It was reported that contract negotiations for teachers are ongoing.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. **February 2 MSBA annual law school mixer.** Mr. Boisvert reported on this event and requested that several members of the Governing Council attend.

- B. NLRB CLE.** Mr. Trachsel reported that planning is ongoing.
- C. ADR section co-sponsored CLE.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann reported that this is on hold until next fall.
- D. Outstate outreach.** No report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:33 p.m.