

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

Minutes of March 9, 2010, Meeting

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

Members not in attendance: Chuck Knapp

Other attendees: Elyse Farnsworth, MSBA

The meeting started at approximately 3:33 p.m.

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting were approved.
- II. Financial report.** The most recent balance was reported as \$34,075.81.
- III. Section projects**
  - A. Labor and employment publication.** Ms. Bertelson reported that all articles have been submitted for the next issue, and MSBA is finalizing the publication process.
  - B. Practicelaw.org.** Ms. Martin and Ms. Farnsworth discussed updating [practicelaw.org](http://practicelaw.org).
  - C. State court database.** Mr. Boisvert reported that representatives from the Family Law, Civil Litigation, and Labor and Employment Law Sections recently met to discuss this project, and some materials have been forwarded to the judges for review and consideration.
  - D. Section website.** Mr. Jozwiak and Ms. Farnsworth discussed updating the Section's website.
  - E. Labor and employment certification.** No new report.
  - F. Law school outreach.** The law student reception is being held on March 25 at Solera. Ms. Farnsworth will notify the law school contacts that law students are welcome to attend the NLRB Casehandling Miscellany CLE on April 8.
  - G. Speakers bureau.** Ms. Looman updated the Council on the progress being made towards getting the speakers bureau up and running.

#### IV. Section Programs

- A. **Fall Labor & Employment Law Institute.** Completed.
- B. **Winter luncheon.** The winter luncheon is being held on March 10 at Windows on Minnesota. Ms. Papacek reported that the topic will be the ADA Amendments, and she further described the program. Ms. Farnsworth reported that there are currently 88 registrants.
- C. **Spring Employment Law Institute.** No new report.
- D. **Nine Days in June.** No new report.
- E. **Enforcement agency training program.** Ms. Bertelson reported that a training session is being held on April 7 for agents of local and state civil rights agencies. The topic will be the ADA Amendments.
- F. **Annual dinner.** Mr. Trachsel reported that Steve Sviggum has agreed to be the keynote speaker, and the event is tentatively scheduled for May 19. Windows on Minnesota is currently holding space for the event. Ms. Farnsworth reported on her discussions with Windows concerning cost, the requested rooms, etc. The Council discussed student awards, the Leonard Lindquist award, and other details surrounding the annual dinner and meeting.

#### V. Section liaisons

- A. **MSBA Assembly.** No report.
- B. **NLRB.** No report.
- C. **DOL.** No report.
- D. **EEOC.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann reported that there are three new investigators.
- E. **MDHR/City Agencies.** No report.
- F. **Minnesota Legislature.** Ms. Looman reported on two items of proposed state legislation.
- G. **Bureau of Mediation Services.** No report.

#### VI. Miscellaneous

- A. **Council Membership.** Mr. Boisvert reported that the nominating committee consists of himself, Justin Cummins, and Tim Kohls, and he

discussed expiring terms and the surrounding process for selecting new Council members.

- B. NLRB CLE.** Mr. Trachsel reported that the NLRB Casehandling Miscellany CLE is being held on April 8 at Carvers inside the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel.
- C. Proposal re DATWA.** Mr. Boisvert reported that a member of the Section has expressed an interest in pursuing amending the state drug testing statute. Mr. Boisvert has not heard back from the member after the process for moving this forward was disclosed to him.
- D. Immigration section co-sponsored CLE.** Mr. Boisvert updated the Section on the possibility for co-sponsoring a CLE, and Ms. Farnsworth reported that the contemplated date is April 19. There was a consensus that the Section is interested in co-sponsoring the program assuming that it is employment related. Ms. Bertelson and Ms. Farnsworth will inquire and follow-up with the Council by e-mail.
- E. Outstate outreach.** No new report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.