

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

Minutes of November 10, 2009, Meeting

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

Members not in attendance: Jessica Looman and Chuck Knapp

Other attendees: Elyse Farnsworth, MSBA, and John Ella.

The meeting started at approximately 3:34 p.m.

- I. Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting were approved.
- II. Financial report.** The most recent balance was reported as \$37,537.13.
- III. Section projects**
  - A. Labor and employment publication.** The draft version of the next edition of the publication has been submitted for editing.
  - B. Practicelaw.org.** Mr. Boisvert reported that Section member John Ella is going to help Mary Martin on this project.
  - C. State court database.** Mr. Boisvert, Ms. Farnsworth, and Justin Cummins plan to meet with other MSBA sections regarding this project. This discussion would include the topic of project funding.
  - D. Section website.** Mr. Pihart reported that he and Mr. Jozwiak are working on possible format changes to the Section's website, with assistance from Ms. Farnsworth. Ms. Farnsworth discussed the need to stay consistent with other Sections for certain areas of the website, but the opportunity to maintain other areas that are unique to the Section.
  - E. Labor and employment certification.** The State Board of Certification is meeting on November 20.
  - F. Law school outreach.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann and Ms. Howard have been in contact with the law schools, and with the student groups at the University of Minnesota and William Mitchell. Five law students have

registered to attend the Labor & Employment Law Institute on November 19 under the Section's sponsorship. There was a discussion concerning holding a spring reception for law students.

**G. Speakers bureau.** Work on this project is ongoing.

#### **IV. Section Programs**

**A. Fall Labor & Employment Law Institute.** Mr. Trachsel reported that the Institute is being held on November 19.

**B. Winter luncheon.** Mr. Jozwiak and Ms. Papacek reported that they have been engaged in planning activities for the winter luncheon with assistance from Ms. Farnsworth. There was a discussion concerning possible topics for the luncheon.

**C. Spring Employment Law Institute.** Mr. Boisvert reported that planning will start on Monday, November 16.

**D. Nine Days in June.** Ms. Papacek is in contact with MSBA regarding a section-sponsored CLE program.

**E. Enforcement agency training program.** Ms. Bertelson has been in contact with the EEOC, and it appears as though this training will begin in February.

**G. Annual dinner.** The Minnesota CLE Employment Law Institute is going to be held on Monday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 25, 2010. NELA is having its annual dinner on Monday, May 24. There was a discussion concerning possible dates and possible speakers for the Section's annual meeting and dinner.

#### **V. Section liaisons**

**A. MSBA Assembly.** No report.

**B. NLRB.** No report.

**C. DOL.** No report.

**D. EEOC.** No report.

**E. MDHR.** No report.

**F. MN legislature.** No report.

- G. BMS.** Ms. Howard reported that BMS plans to include more arbitration decisions on its website, and is moving towards online filings.

**VI. Miscellaneous**

- A.** John Ella has expressed an interest in being involved with the Section.
- B.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann and Ms. Bertelson are giving consideration to a CLE program co-sponsored with the ADR Section.
- C.** A representative from the Immigration Section is interested in co-sponsoring a CLE program.
- D.** A motion was made and approved to contribute \$1000.00 for MSBA Mock Trial and Civic Education funding.
- E.** Mr. Boisvert suggested that there might be opportunities for outreach. He and Mr. Ella will give consideration to such opportunities, and other members of the Governing Council were invited to participate.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:41 p.m.