

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

Minutes of September 8, 2009, Meeting

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

Other attendee: Elyse Farnsworth, MSBA

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

- I. **Approval of prior meeting minutes.** The minutes of the May 12, 2009, meeting were approved.
- II. **Financial report.** The most recent balance was reported as \$23,380.52.
- III. **Section projects**
 - A. **Labor and employment publication.** The summer edition of Labor and Employment Law News was posted online in August. Ms. Bertelson volunteered to coordinate the remaining publications for the 2009-2010 year.
 - B. **Practicelaw.org.** Ms. Farnsworth reported that, effective September 9, Practicelaw.org changed the online posting format for Labor and Employment Law News, and that the new format does not have search capabilities. Ms. Martin volunteered to look into options for posting the publication online, and to be involved with Practicelaw.org more generally. Ms. Bertelson also volunteered to participate in these endeavors.
 - C. **State court database.** Past Chair Justin Cummins is still working on this project, and Mr. Boisvert will check on these efforts and report back to the Governing Council.
 - D. **Section website.** Messrs. Jozwiak and Pihart volunteered to take the lead on issues involving the Section website for the year.
 - E. **Labor and employment certification.** The Section is waiting for final approval from the State Board of Legal Certification. After a discussion concerning the possibility of offering a preparation course, it was determined that Mr. Boisvert will communicate to Minnesota CLE that it may offer such a course prior to the first time that the examination is

offered. The Section may request to receive recognition as a co-sponsor, but the actual decision to pursue or not pursue such recognition will be made at a later time.

- F. **Law school outreach.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann and Ms. Howard volunteered to coordinate the Section's law school outreach efforts for the year.
- F. **Speakers bureau.** Ms. Looman reported on the issues surrounding the creation of a web-based resource, including technical needs and promotion. Ms. Looman and Ms. Papacek will explore possible options for moving forward (with further help from Ms. Farnsworth) and report back to the Council.

IV. Section Programs

- A. **Fall Labor & Employment Law Institute.** Mr. Trachsel has been serving as the Council's liaison on the Planning Committee for the Fall Labor and Employment Law Institute.
- B. **Winter luncheon.** Ms. Papacek and Mr. Knapp volunteered to coordinate this year's winter luncheon.
- C. **Spring Employment Law Institute.** Mr. Boisvert plans to participate on the Planning Committee for this CLE program.
- D. **Greater Minnesota CLE.** Members of the Council reached a consensus that the Section should not pursue an outstate CLE program during the coming year. The Section will, however, look into other opportunities for outstate outreach.
- E. **"CLE in a Box."** Mr. Boisvert and Ms. Farnsworth reported on the MSBA's plan to host mini-conventions next year, each of which will include CLE opportunities. Ms. Bertelson will communicate to MSBA that the Section is interested in participating, and she has volunteered to work on this on behalf of the Council.
- F. **Enforcement agency training program.** Mr. Klassen and Ms. Bertelson will coordinate these activities on behalf of the Council during the coming year.
- G. **Annual dinner.** Messrs. Trachsel, Pihart, Klassen, and Knapp will coordinate the details for the Section's annual meeting and dinner in May.

V. Section liaisons

- A. MSBA Assembly.** Mr. Knapp is the Section's current representative on the Assembly.
- B. NLRB.** Mr. Trachsel is the NLRB liaison.
- C. DOL.** Ms. Papacek will serve as the Section's DOL liaison.
- D. EEOC.** Ms. Bertelson is the Section's EEOC liaison, and she reported on staffing developments at the Agency.
- E. MDHR.** Mr. Jozwiak volunteered to be the Section's liaison with MDHR.
- F. MN legislature.** Ms. Looman (who had to leave the meeting early) will be asked whether she can serve as the Section's liaison with the Minnesota legislature.
- G. BMS.** Ms. Howard volunteered to be the Section's liaison with BMS.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A.** Mr. Trachsel reported on the installation and reception to be held on September 15 for Marlin Osthus, the new Regional Director for NLRB Region 18.
- B.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann will keep the Council apprised of any developments with respect to collaborative / cooperative lawyering.
- C.** Ms. Mealey-Lohmann discussed the possibility for the Labor & Employment Law Section and the ADR Section to co-host a CLE program in approximately January or February. Ms. Mealey-Lohmann and Ms. Bertelson will explore this opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.