

OUTSTATE PRACTICE SECTION  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 4, 2011 - 4:45 PM, CONFERENCE CALL

**Present:** Paul Carlson, Dustan Cross, Sam Rufer, Dennis O'Toole

**Council Liaison:** Tamara Patton

**Absent:**

**Called to Order:** 4:45 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no discussion regarding the minutes. Sam R. moved to approve, Dennis O. seconded, no further discussion and the minutes were approved..

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Old Business**

1. Brochure status. Paul will draft a letter to send out with sample brochures to the Council. After that point, brochures will go with a letter to the section.

2. Website status. A price quote was obtained from Blue Earth. The most popular option was Option 3, which contained a clickable map. Option 3 had a price quote of \$3,500. Tamara discussed the bid options, and the process being looked at for developing the clickable map. A discussion was had regarding the method of organizing the information and searching for members. Dustan Cross asked about the finances for the project. The latest accounting shows just over \$9,000 in the section account, and income of about \$900 per year. Dennis O'Toole made a motion to proceed with option 3, and get a draft or sample version of the clickable map before going live with the final product. Sam R. seconded, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Law School Events. Discussed the events at William Mitchell and St. Thomas, and how much to donate for each. The previously agreed upon date did not work for WMCL, so will need to be changed. Tamara will send around an email with new dates. The council needs to decide which of these events, if any, to coordinate with our annual meeting. We also discussed how much to contribute to these events. We gave \$1500 to WMCL last year. The event helps promote young attorneys to come work in outstate MN, so it fits with our goals. However, we're also helping out the schools by giving them more job options for their graduates. In addition, our cash reserves will be much less after the website is implemented, so we discussed giving less to WMCL. Emails will be circulated to discuss the amount to donate.

4. Work Plan. Nearly completed, Tamara has a few things that need to be checked on, then it will be ready to go.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.