

NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MINUTES

MSBA PROBATE & TRUST LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2009

Meeting held at MSBA Offices
Minneapolis, MN

Section Council Meeting

Members Present: Bob McLeod, Susan Link, Tom Rauenhorst, Peter Hatinen, Andrea Breckner, Mary Shearen, Sonny Miller, Jolene Cutshall, Rick Bunin, Tom Woessner, Bridget Logstrom Koci, Richard Hawke, Scott Nelson Derrick Doerr, Joe Thiigs.

Others Present: Ashley Hacker, Catherine Clifford (and by phone: Drew Baese and Michael Cowles).

1. Meeting called to order: 3:35 p.m.
2. Minutes of October 15, 2009 meeting were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Period ending September 30, 2009 approved.
4. **Education Committee.** Tom Woessner reports that:

Planning meeting for Section Conference CLE with Vince O'Brien is going well. Vince has contacted several national speakers. Committee continues to look for input.

The Litigation Committee is having a CLE on December 3, 2009. See Section website for details.

The MSBA is looking for help with its Nine Days in June program. Bob McLeod agreed on behalf of the Section to help. More details to come.

5. **Legislation Committee.** Scott Nelson reports that:

The Section's proposals will be presented to the MSBA Legislation Committee on November 30th and December 1st. An issue has been identified with Health Care Directive statute. The Legislation Committee is examining the issue.

Section Council was approached regarding whether we would support adoption of the Collaborative Law Act in Minnesota. This Act has not yet been approved by the Uniform

Law Commissioners or the ABA. Section Council decided to oppose the adoption of the Act until it has been passed in final form by the ABA and then reviewed by the Legislation Committee and Section Council.

6. **Newsletter Committee.** Catherine Clifford has been named editor.
7. **Federal Taxation Committee.** Richard Hawke reports that: the IRS has published the inflation adjustments for 2010. The gift tax exclusion will remain at \$13,000. Rev. Proc. 2009-50. The Murphy case was also discussed. See the Update for more details.
8. **Professional Responsibility/Consumer Protection Committee.** No report
9. **Greater Minnesota Committee.** No report
10. **Technology Committee.** No report
11. **Gene Daly Award.** No report
12. **Litigation Committee.** Bridget Logstrom Koci reports the committee is putting on a CLE. See report under Education.
13. **Wills for Heroes Committee.** Susan Link reports that: Wills for Heroes has prepared 2,568 estate plans to date. There is an event scheduled every Monday until 2012. The WFH program raised \$2,900 through GiveMn.org.

14. Old Business.

Bob McLeod and Tom Rauenhorst will review the Bylaws proposal and report back to the Section Council in January.

15. New Business.

Council members were asked to consider whether Section Council should recognize Referee Wolfson's retirement and the also the Wax and Seals Committee.

General Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.