

## **MSBA Public Law Section Council Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2010

Members in attendance: Diane Alshouse, Jacqueline Bailey, Dana Banwer, Christina Botts, Greg Brooker, Barry Greller, Nancy McLean, Kim Buechel Mesun, Mary Miller, Todd Schoffelman, Inta Sellars. Also attending, Kim Basting, MSBA Staff

Last Meeting Minutes: Greg will circulate them.

PLS Website: Christina will work with Kim Basting on updating the website.

Co-Chairs Report: Dana reported that the MSBA By-laws are being updated and she will circulate them to the council.

Construction Law Section: The MSBA Construction Law Section would like more public law members. Eighteen members are in both our section and that section. Dana will provide Tim Groshens with a list of overlapping members.

May CLE and Annual Meeting: Kim Buechel Mesun reported that the CLE went well and 40 to 50 people attended. Three CLE credits were awarded. About 75 people attended the awards luncheon. Kim does not have the final financial information about the event, but the PLS saved money using Hamline as the site and the cost of the food was very reasonable. Parking was confusing for some attendees, but the group expressed interest in holding the event at Hamline again in 2011.

Treasurer's Report: As noted, not all information is final but we had \$16,050 budgeted and "actual to date" expenses through 5/31/10 were \$9920.42.

PLS Newsletter: Kim Buechel Mesun reported that the newsletter should be out the week of August 16. It will go out in both a paper and e-mail version.

CLE Update: Todd reported that the Nine Days in June events went very well. The Minnesota County Attorneys Association and IPAD were able to get presenters across the state for our section CLEs on data privacy. The 10<sup>th</sup> District CLE had over 100 attendees. Todd is working on a 19<sup>th</sup> District CLE on ethics in Stillwater that will be low to no cost to attend.

Greg would like to do a CLE for the annual meeting in May on the elimination of bias. Judge Donovan Frank would lead a panel of presenters representing county, state and local public attorneys. The dates would be either May 20 or May 13, 2011. Inta will check on whether the space at Klas Center is open.

Diane asked the group about the possibility of doing a CLE for new attorneys or third year law students. She thought a panel of public attorneys could talk about how they obtained their jobs and career planning. She will do some research on obtaining CLE credit for this sort of presentation.

Membership: Nancy attended a new lawyer CLE and reception in May that had a low turn out. A letter that John Choi put together generated new members for the section.

Awards: Jim is responsible for the awards committee because the other committee member, John Choi, has left the council. Dana and Mary volunteered to help with the awards.

Community and Public Service: Nancy reported that the section served at Loaves and Fishes on August 4. The next opportunity will be on October 6. Nancy looked for input on the legal clinic at Loaves and Fishes because, while we have plenty of attorneys to volunteer, the number of people seeking advice has been low. Suggestions included going to schools instead of to the church site or moving to another church. The event could be like a “road show” rather than a legal advice clinic. Someone suggested a “question for lawyers” box where someone could leave a question and a name and contact information to be responded to by a volunteer attorney. If anyone has other ideas, contact Nancy ([Nancy.McLean@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:Nancy.McLean@co.hennepin.mn.us) 612-348-6755).

Kim Buechel Mesun raised a community service project, the “Reader Writer Workshop”. Students at the Stadium View School would write something and it would be sent to one of our members for review and comment and then returned to the student. The council thought this was a good idea and Kim will also include the information in the next newsletter.

Legislation: Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act - will be carried over to the next meeting to give members an opportunity to review the act.

Assembly Delegate: Diane was our delegate and is willing to attend the assembly. We need to select a delegate and alternate and this was carried over to the next meeting.

Law Students: Jacqueline and Christina will remain our law student representatives.

Next Meeting Dates and Locations (host) (locations were determined post-meeting):

September 14: Attorney General’s Office, St. Paul (Barry)

October 12: Minneapolis Public Schools (Kim Buechel Mesun)

November 9: Ramsey County Juvenile and Family Court (Diane)

December 14: Faegre and Benson Offices (Carol Lansing)