

August 11 PLS Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm at the Hennepin County Government Center.

Members Present: James Alexander, Mary Miller, Todd Schoffelman, Carol Lansing, Diane Alshouse, Dana Banwer, Greg Brooker, Nancy McLean, Thomas Kalitowski, Inta Sellars

Excused: Kim Buechel Mesun, Barry Greller, John Choi

Agenda:

1. June minutes were approved.
2. Co Chair report
 - a. The Secretary will maintain the roster for the PLS.
 - i. The roster was reviewed by the committee and confirmed.
 - b. The committee chairs and student liaisons will be on the list serve.
 - c. The position of student liaison will be posted and will be open to all law schools students.
 - d. MSBA convention recap:
 - i. The open meeting law CLE was attended by approximately 20 people.
 - ii. Todd will write a recap of the CLE for the next newsletter.
 - iii. There are no plans for future statewide MSBA conventions.
 - iv. The future meetings will be by district, region or other local setup, yet undetermined.
 - e. Discussion was held on the issue of a communications/legislation coordinator for the PLS. This person(s) would serve as the contact for questions that come to the PLS for review. Barry and/or Carol would be that person.
 - f. Goals will remain the same from last year.
 - i. Will highlight the pro bono activities of the PLS for the incoming MSBA President.
 - ii. Will also address our concerns with administrative fee with the incoming President.
3. Treasurer report (no report)
4. Committee report
 - a. CLE
 - i. The upcoming CLE is Friday October 9.
 1. It called Kids and Data Practices
 2. Co-sponsored with MCAA
 3. PLS is co-sponsoring 3 of the 5 CLE credits.
 4. MCAA is handling registration
 - ii. The MSBA Open Meeting Law CLE was one hour.
 - iii. The 6/24 Data Practices Web CLE was 1.5 hours.

- iv. We will coordinate with USAO and other agencies for future cost free CLEs.
 - v. PLS to discuss coordinating Special Education CLE with Mpls Schools.
 - b. Community and public Service and Pro Bono
 - i. Loaves and Fishes went well
 - 1. 11-12 people showed up for the legal clinic
 - ii. SMRLS senior fare is coming up
 - 1. Bill Hafner will help out
 - iii. Greg is still working on coordinating a presentation for senior housing.
 - 1. Greg is patiently awaiting a response to his inquires.
 - iv. Habitat volunteer photos are in the newsletter
 - v. PLS will “adopt a family” again this Holiday Season.
 - c. Data Practices (no report)
 - d. Local Government
 - i. A proposed bill dealing with tax forfeited land is being circulated for discussion.
 - ii. As the bill deals with cities and counties, PLS will defer to groups representing those entities for comment.
 - e. Membership (no report)
 - f. Newsletter
 - i. We will get a deadline for the next newsletter.
 - g. Awards
 - i. The award information will be in the next newsletter.
5. Other business
 - a. Dana will be the PLS representative at the MSBA Assembly on September 11, 2009.
6. Next Meetings

a. September 15	MN Court of Appeals
b. October 13	Minneapolis Schools
c. November 10	St. Paul (City Attorney?)
d. December 8	Minneapolis location to be determined.