

Public Law Section Minutes – September 14, 2010

Present: Diane Alshouse, Dana Banwer, Kim Basting, Tim Groshens, Barry Greller, Carol Lansing, Kim Buechel Mesun, Mary Miller, Todd Schoffelman, Inta Sellars, Margaret Westin

August 2010 minutes were approved. Inta will send the final version to Kim Basting.

Treasurer's Report (Kim Buechel Mesun) – held over to next meeting.

CLE (Todd Schoffelman) – We'll be co-sponsoring an ethics CLE with the Washington County Bar Association at the Washington County Courthouse. Todd will let us know the date and time when it is firmed up. Annual Meeting/CLE – Klas at Hamline University is available on 5/20/11. We will check to see whether Judge Donovan Frank is available on that date.

Loaves and Fishes – next volunteer opportunity is October 6.

Reader/Writer Volunteers – Kim Buechel Mesun is asking for volunteers to read students' writing and comment on it for the Stadium View School. Kim will contact the principal there and already has several volunteers ready to participate.

Newsletter (Kim Buechel Mesun) – The newsletter went out the week of September 6. We will send out a printed version once per year.

Nine Days in June CLEs (Tim Groshens) – This replacement of the annual conference was a huge success and exceeded attendance expectations. The MSBA will continue with this format for next year and would like the PLS to participate again. Public lawyers are a big part of these events and the MSBA wants to offer topics of interest to public lawyers. Some topics discussed were due process, victims' rights, collateral consequences of criminal sentences. We need to decide on a topic by early December and the speakers need to be lined up in January. The April or May Bench and Bar will have an insert on the Nine Days events. We'll discuss this more at the October PLS Meeting.

UCCCA – (Barry Greller) – Brian Lake at the MSBA is seeking comment on this act before it goes to the legislature. The PLS will defer to the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA), the Judges Council and the public defenders on this because we cannot represent all the perspectives due to the diversity of our section. Dana will contact Brian to ensure the county attorneys, public defenders and judges are being given the opportunity to comment.

MSBA Assembly Delegate for PLS – Mary Miller will be our section delegate and Diane Alshouse will be the alternate.

Law Student Mixer - Dana Banwer and Jim Alexander will attend this on September 16.

Data Practices (Margaret Westin) – The data practice group met September 13. They meet September through June on the first Monday of the month. The Attorney General’s Office, county attorneys and state agency representatives attend these meetings. They want to plan a CLE with MCAA on topics such as data practices, open meetings laws and evidence retention.

Next Meeting: October 12 at Kim Buechel Mesun’s office.