

September 15, 2009 PLS Minutes (draft)

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm. at the Minnesota Judicial Center

Present: Jim Alexander, Mary Miller, Inta Sellars, Thomas Kalitowski, Dana Banwer, Todd Schoffelman, Barry Greller.

Excused: John Choi, Diane Alshouse, Nancy McClean, Greg Brooker, Kim Buechel Mesun

The minutes from August 11, 2009 were passed.

The current roster of the PLS Executive Council and Committee Chairs will be circulated for comment with the draft of the September 15, 2009 meeting minutes.

Agenda

1. Co-Chair Report
 - a. Section Chair Meeting with MSBA (8/17/09)
 - i. MSBA will conduct "Nine Days in June", in lieu of a statewide convention in 2010.
 - ii. This will be nine mini-conventions.
 - iii. They will be organized by judicial district.
 - iv. The MSBA Sections will help with planning and CLEs.
 - v. The exact nature of the conventions and Section involvement need to be determined.
 - b. The MSBA responded to our questions about charging for CLEs.
 - i. The idea is to provide a benefit for our members, so it should be free for members.
 - ii. MSBA suggests charging, even a nominal fee, for non-members.
 - c. MSBA Leadership Conference (9/11/09)
 - i. The mission and goals of the MSBA were distributed.
 - ii. They are attached to the minutes.
 - d. Request for \$200 from PLS to MSBA Public Education was moved/seconded and approved by the PLS Council.
 - e. Assembly Meeting (9/11/09)
 - i. Justice Gildea spoke on gender fairness in the court system
 - ii. There is a follow up CLE on this topic on 10/20/09.
 - iii. The treasurer reported that 92.1% of the dues are expected for this year.
 - f. John Choi will receive an IMLA Award at the next IMLA Meeting.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer (no report)
 - b. CLE
 - i. Kids and Data Practices CLE is set for 10/09/09 (details and registration attached).

- ii. PLS will coordinate with Child Law Section for upcoming CLEs.
 - iii. A potential CLE would be on special education requirements and accommodations. This will be discussed at next PLS meeting.
 - iv. PLS will coordinate with USAO and HCAO for future CLEs.
 - v. PLS will continue coordination with 18th District Bar Association for future CLEs.
 - vi. PLS will cooperate on the “Nine Days In June” district conventions for CLE ideas.
- c. Data Practices
- i. IPAD has issued many opinions over the summer, accessible at <http://www.ipad.state.mn.us/opinions/2009/index.html>
 - ii. Serial emails among members of a public board can constitute an open meeting law violation, opinion 09-020.
 - iii. Data maintained by a government security force (non law enforcement) is subject to the same data classifications as law enforcement data, Minn. Stat. 13.861, opinion 09-019.
- d. Local Government
- i. The International Municipal Lawyers Association annual meeting is in Miami from October 18-20.
- e. Membership (no report)
- f. Newsletter
- i. Date for submissions for next newsletter to be determined by Greg and Kim.
- g. Awards
- i. Will advertise the awards and seek nominations in the next newsletter.
- h. Community and Public Services and Pro Bono
- i. The next clinic and loaves and fishes are set for 10/07.
 - ii. There will be an effort to create a report or other documentation of the work of the pro bono Task Force for MSBA (I don't think I got this correct, Todd).
- i. Legislation
- i. PLS takes no position on the proposed transmission line easement legislation.
3. New Business
- a. Michael Goodwin is working for SMRLS.
 - b. There are two upcoming Law School Career information meetings:
 - i. University of Minnesota Career Night, 11/05 from 5-7pm Mary will follow up.
 - ii. Quad Schools Public Interest, 10/28. Dana volunteered to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

- 10/13 Minneapolis Public Schools
- 11/10 St. Paul City Attorney Office
- 12/08 Faegre and Benson MPLS (Carol Lansing hosting)

