

Public Law Section Minutes – October 12, 2010

Present: Jim Alexander, Kim Basting, Greg Brooker, Barry Greller, Nancy McLean, Kim Buechel Mesun, Inta Sellars, Margaret Westin

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

September 2010 minutes were approved.

Adopt a Family (Nancy McLean) – Once again, Nancy will organize. If you want to help out, send Nancy your checks or donations.

Loaves and Fishes – next volunteer opportunity is December 1. We decided to send an e-mail to the whole PLS to get more volunteers.

Law School Mixer – Jim and Dana Banwer attended and the turnout was good.

Loan Repayment Program – Sixteen prosecutors and 16 public defenders can apply for loan repayment between September 30 and November 1. This information is on the PLC web site under news and announcements.

Legislation – Preview meeting on October 13 where Brian Lake would be talking about what the MSB A sections would be proposing. Jim and Barry will attend. Dana Banwer talked to Brian Lake about the UCCCA.

MSBS Bylaws Change – Jim will look this over. It is on the MSBA web site.

Client Security Board Representation – Harriet Sims's term is up on June 30, 2011. Kim Buechel Mesun is interested, but unsure whether she is eligible to be on the board. The election is usually in March or April. The section must submit a name to the MSBA. Jim will get more information on the nomination process and report next month.

Quad School Public Interest Expo – The event will be on October 26 at Hamline. Greg will attend.

CLE – PLS Annual Meeting, CLE and Election will be on May 20, 2011 at Hamline's Klas Center. Judge Donovan Frank will be on a panel presenting for two hours on elimination of bias and disability rights in the court system and a one hour ADA update .

Nine Days in June – Jim will contact Todd Schoffelman to see whether he can coordinate this next year. We need to get this started in November.

PLS Goals – We need to get our goals for the year set at the November meeting.

Membership (Jim Alexander) – no report.

Awards – Jim, Mary Miller and Dana will be the awards committee members this year. The first step is publicity. We need to put a notice in the Bench and Bar in January or February.

Data Practices (Margaret Westin) – The data practice group meets the first Monday of the month. The last meeting was October 4. They meet at the Snelling Office Park on Energy Park Drive in St. Paul at the Department of Health Offices.

Reader Writer Volunteers – Kim Buechel Mesun is asking for volunteers to read students' writing and comment on it for the Stadium View School. Kim talked to the principal there who will be contacting the language/arts teacher to confirm interest in this opportunity.

Newsletter (Kim Buechel Mesun) – Kim is looking for volunteers to take on the winter edition. It will include an announcement for the awards and the annual meeting notice. Jim expressed interest and Kim will send him the last edition.

Next Meeting: November 9th at Diane Alshouse's office.

Jim will check with Tom Kalitowski to see if he can host the January meeting. Inta's office can be a back-up if Tom can't host.