

Construction Law Section  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2017

Attendees:

Marisa Bavand  
Ron English  
Colm Nelson  
Jason Piskel  
Jennifer Beyerlein  
Jannelle Brennan  
Joe Torrenzio

Colm Nelson  
Athán Tramóntanas  
Bob Olson  
Brett Hill  
Amber Hardwick  
Rob Crick

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm at the law offices of Short Cressman, and adjourned at about 1:00 p.m. Marisa Bavand chaired.

Discussion

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.
2. Financial Report: Jennifer reported that we received about \$1,000 more this past month from section dues.
3. Scholarship Update: Joe reported that the checks have gone out to the two recipients.
4. Newsletter Update: Athan reported that the newsletter is planned to go out in May, and asked for reports from Bob Olson regarding the Winter Forum, from Jason on the June CLE, from Amber and Brett will on the MMJ bill that was proposed.
5. 2017 Midyear CLE: Ron reported that all speakers are set and registration is available on the WSBA website. Jason sent out an email to the section notifying them of date and registration information. Additional advertising will occur in May. The Council discussed a proposal to allow the presenters to sponsor a half price guest registration (presenters already receive a complementary registration and CLE credit), and the Council approved this approach.

For the social hour after the seminar, Brett reported that the law schools declined to participate this year, but he has identified two firms that are willing to contribute a total of \$1,000 towards beer and wine (Naegeli Court Reporters and McMillan Jacobs Associates). They will both have a booth at the event, which will be at the WSBA offices and catered by Gourmando.

The Council members discussed how to reach out to law students to invite them to attend the social hour, include summer interns at local firms, and decided to notify the three law schools and otherwise rely on word of mouth.

6. Desk Book Status: Ron Reported we have 12 chapter drafts submitted, and the authors of the other 14 chapters all have committed to submit drafts by May 1.
7. Bylaws Committee: Amber and Marisa reported that the committee is still meeting and has not concluded its work.
8. Website transition: Jason reported that progress is being made. The Council asked that the various model contract documents be posted as Word documents instead of PDFs. Joe will look into what the BAR has. Brett will send Joe all four contract forms in Word.
9. Nominating Committee: Athan reported that we received 8 names. The selection was based on diversity of practice, location and other factors. The three names picked by the nominating committee for three year terms were: Bryce Sinner, Stellar J Corp., Vancouver; Todd Henry, Inslee Best, Bellevue; and Seth Millstein, Pillar Law Group, Seattle. Brett Hill will be nominated to fill out Diane Utz' unexpired term. Officer positions recommended are: Jason Piskel as Chair Elect, Amber Hardwick as Vice Chair, Jennifer Beyerlein as Treasurer and Ron English as Secretary. As Chair-Elect this year, Athan automatically will become Chair. The Council approved the nominations to be presented for election at the June 9 seminar.
10. New Business: The Fall Forum was discussed. The last forum had very poor attendance, which needs to be improved. The Council discussed what types of events might draw added attendance, but did not reach a conclusion.

NEXT MEETING IS ON MAY 10, 2016

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**END OF MINUTES**