

Construction Law Section  
Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2017

Attendees:

Athan Tramountanas  
Ron English  
Bart Reed  
Jennifer Beyerlein  
Joe Scuderi  
John Evans  
Joe Scuderi,  
Bryce Sinner

Colm Nelson  
Seth Millstein  
Brett Hill  
Amber Hardwick  
Tom Wolfendale  
Joe Torrenzio  
Rick Wetmore

The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm at the law offices of Short Cressman, and recessed at about 1:00 p.m. Athan Tramountanas chaired.

Discussion

1. Approval of May and June Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.
2. Welcome new Council Members: Athan introduced Todd Henry, Seth Millstein and Bryce Sinner. Sean Skillingstad continues as the YLD representative. Brett will complete Diane Utz' unexpired term.
3. Financial Report: Jennifer reported on the proposed budget for the coming year. It shows a drawdown of \$8,900 from reserves, continuing the pattern of recent years to reduce the reserves. Revenues include section dues of \$13,000 and CLE revenue of \$5,800. Expenses include \$3,500 for CLEs, \$3,500 for forums, and \$3,500 for the scholarship, and \$4,000 for executive committee and travel expenses. Total projected expenses are \$27,700. This would leave a balance of \$22,230 in reserves.  
  
The Council discussed the rate of drawdown of the reserves and approved the draft budget for submission to WSBA.
4. Outgoing Chair Recognition: Amber presented options for outgoing chair recognition plaque. The Council approved a motion to authorize Amber to spend up to \$150 on a plaque for Marissa.
5. Mid-Year CLE recap: Ron reported on the June 9 CLE. Attendance totaled 75 including over 30 by webcast, plus presenters. He reported that we don't yet have the comments from attenders. Jennifer indicated the net revenues to the Section would be about \$4,500. Council members indicated they liked the shorter presentations.

6. Writing Competition: Tom reported that we had only 2 submittals this past year, and opened a discussion of how to expand participation, perhaps by expanding to out of state law schools. The Council discussed making the second place award discretionary.
7. Newsletter Update: Athan reported that the next newsletter is planned to go out in September and requested articles. Bart will report on the Vinci Construction decision. Brett will provide an article on changes to the retainage statute.
8. Fall CLE: John discussed a CLE in the Tri-Cities, to be held October 6. Brett would do case law update, Marissa would do small business issues. Benton Franklin Legal Aid would sponsor it, and pay expenses and take all revenues. We would incur costs for lodging and travel for speakers. John will go forward with planning with Kerry Lawrence. Topics were discussed: Amber volunteered to present on key construction contract terms, Jason will talk on federal contracting issues, Ron on state public contracting issues and Rob Crick will be asked to talk on proof of damages.
9. Fall Forum: Athan suggested a speaker on the new AIA 201 form, to be held in the WSBA offices to be available to local attorneys. Jennifer volunteered to look into getting stock AIA slides. She and Bart will take steps to determine content and provide a speaker.
10. Deskbook: Ron reported that nearly all chapter drafts have been submitted and the committee will meet next week to determine next steps.
11. Website: Joe reported that transition is continuing and WSBA will start migrating content by end of month
12. Bylaws committee: The bylaw changes have been submitted and are on BOG calendar for action.
13. Winter Forum: No report. Bob Olson was not present
14. WSBA Staff: Joe is leaving his current position to work on LLLT issues. Paris and Julianne will fill the position to support section activities.
15. Summer schedule: No meeting in August. The next meeting is in September.

NEXT MEETING IS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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**END OF MINUTES**