

## LITIGATION SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda: April 12, 2017

Present: Rod Andreason, Heather Sneddon, Mike Stahler, Jen Tomchak, Joe Amadon, Peter Strand, Katy Strand, Erik Christiansen, Judge Glen Dawson, Judge Andrew Stone, Sarah Hafen, Tim Pack, Jess Krannich, Sade' Turner, Judge Jill Pohlman, Heather Thuet,

Telephone: James McConkie, Phillip Lott, Dallas Young, Commissioner Christina Wilson, Matt Koyle

Excused: Doug Farr, Tom Seiler, Dan Steele, James Magleby, Matt Orme, Jon Hafen, Kim Neville, Keith Call, Anthony Loubet

### 1. **Welcome and Chair's Report** (Rod Andreason)

Rod welcomed the committee.

#### a. Approve March Meeting Minutes

Heather Sneddon drafted the meeting minutes from last month. Peter Strand moved to accept them. Mike Stahler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### b. Membership Dues Resolution

Rod thanked the Executive Committee ("EC") for voting on the membership dues proposals. It was a close vote. The proposal that passed was a \$5 membership fee for new admittees.

### 2. **President Elect's Report** (Michael Stahler)

Michael Stahler reported that the legislative session is over. The process was interesting.

### 3. **Treasurer's Report** (Heather Sneddon)

#### a. Monthly Financials

Heather brought several handouts. She reported that we have \$89,640 in our account. The Bar is now preparing a very helpful report that shows exactly how our money is being used. Heather has tried to work out how our subcommittees have been using their budget.

The CLE committee has been running revenue neutral. Heather reviewed what has been spent by the committees already and what expenses we are still anticipating. We anticipate spending \$47,550 for upcoming events. That will leave us with approximately \$42,000 in the budget.

### 4. **Budget Discussion** (Rod Andreason)

Rod commended Heather for her efforts. He opened the discussion for ideas about how to benefit our members with the remaining budget.

Jess and Heather S. both stated that they believe pricing for CLEs is right and it should stay the same. Heather S. recommended donating the revenue from our online videos to And Justice for All. Mike S. raised the concern that the Bar wants to split the revenue with them.

Judge Dawson noted that the estimate on the judicial receptions is a bit low. He raised the concern about saving for a rainy day. Rod noted that we traditionally reserve \$15,000.

Judge Stone suggested that we need to use this money so that the Bar does not change how it charges us. He suggested a large half-day event with a national speaker.

Jen T. suggested doing a large social for our members. All of these suggestions were well-received.

Heather T. expressed concern about spending the budget. She mentioned that the section historically maintains \$80-90,000 in their books.

Peter volunteered to create a proposal for the half-day CLE event. Jess suggested that he or Sade' plan it as part of the fourth quarter CLEs.

Heather T. and Jen T. volunteered to plan the social. A motion was made for a \$3,000 budget for this event. The motion was seconded. It passed.

- a. Sponsorship Requests
  - i. Children's Justice Center - \$1,500

Rod presented the request for \$1,500. There was discussion about trying to tie in the request with the Litigation Section. Jen T. made the motion. Erik C. seconded. The motion passed.

## **5. Recently-Completed Events - 8:35**

- a. University of Utah Annual Sections Fair  
Tim reported that two law school representatives attended. There was poor turnout by the law students, however.
- b. Bar Review in St. George  
Jen T. reported that the event was well attended and that the Bar would like to continue the event next year.
- c. Pro Bono Clinics  
Judge Dawson reported that the event was well done. The room was filled.
- d. Fourth District Judicial Reception (Judge Dawson)  
Judge Dawson reported that ten judges attended this event. This event went very well. He commended Anthony Loubet for his efforts.
- e. Judicial Merit Selection CLE (Heather Thuet)  
Heather T. reported that the event was sold out. Justice Durrant did a great summary of the importance of an independent judiciary. Jennifer Yim of Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee would like to offer the same presentation throughout the state.
- f. BYU CLE (James McConkie)  
James reported that Justice Durham and judges from the second, third, and fourth district attended. The event was well-attended.
- g. Law Review Symposium/Mentoring Social (James McConkie)  
The reception we sponsored took place after the Law Review Symposium. It went well. Several students showed up. There were not many professionals who showed up, though.
- h. Small Claims Panel to Litigation Section (Jess Krannich)  
Jess reported that the event took place last week on April 4. Peter Strand said that the seats were  $\frac{3}{4}$  filled. He heard a lot of great feedback from several perspectives.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- a. **Judicial Reception/Introduction to Matheson** (Judge Dawson)
  - i. Judicial Receptions
    - 1. Second District – (Matthew Koyle) – May 4

Matt reported that this event will take place on May 4. Several judges have already committed. Cmr. Wilson is helping for the food arrangements. Judge West is helping strong arm judges.

ii. Introduction to the Matheson (Anthony Loubet) – April 21

Anthony and Judge Stone have been working hard on the Introduction to the Matheson event.

Jen T. reminded the board to attend the donut reception.

b. **Bar Conventions/S. Utah** (Jon Hafen, Ben Harmon) 8:52

Jon Hafen reported the following via email:

*We are co-sponsoring the Southern Utah Federal Law Symposium on May 11-13, 2017, which looks to be an outstanding event. Jess did his typically fantastic job getting Zen in Zion set up. I have attached a brochure in case anyone is interested in registering for the conference.*

*The CLE for the July 27-29, 2017 annual meeting is all set. Our section is presenting two sessions, and our presenters are primarily judges. Both presentations should be very good.*

c. **Quarterly CLE** (Jess Krannich)

i. **Q2 Lunch:** Confessions of a Civility Skeptic (Keith Call) - May 25, Justice Pearce.

Jess reported that Keith Call is coordinating this event at the Federal jury assembly room.

ii. **Q2 Rise & Shine:** How Inclusion Benefits Our Profession (Kim Neville) –June 22, \$10 per member. Professionalism credit pending.

Jess reported that Kim Neville is planning this event. It will also be at the federal jury assembly room.

d. **Special Events**

i. Prof. Terrell Event – 9/21 (Heather Thuet)

Heather T. reported that Prof. Terrell's travel arrangements are being planned. They are working on locations, possibly the University of Utah.

ii. Moab Event (Heather Thuet)

Heather T. reported that she and Katy Strand are circulating a survey to get award recipients. They are anticipating a date in October. Judge Dawson reminded Heather T. that the judicial conference is Oct. 4-6.

iii. Cheese and CLE (Heather Sneddon)

Heather S. and Jon Hafen are scheduling lunches with Judges Scott and Peterson to present at the panel.

iv. Golf and CLE (SLC, Hobble, St. George, Cache County)

Rod reported on Dan's behalf that Dan is working on planning these events.

e. **Law Student Relations** (James McConkie) 8:57

i. BYU Mentoring Social – May

James reported that he and Sarah Hafen were working on planning the event, but they are having difficulty finding a date that works.

f. **Publicity** (Erik Christiansen)

i. Zealous Advocate

Erik C. says he has lots of information about upcoming events. Please keep the information and the pictures coming.

g. **Membership** (Tim Pack)

i. Membership Announcements

Tim reported that Megan put together a list of bullet points for EC members to raise at our events. Rod asked that the list be circulated to the EC.

Megan Garrett reported via email that she reached out to the appellate practice section about a jointly sponsored CLE. They are interested. They are looking for dates. She recommended that the topic be either pointers from the appellate bench or appellant attorneys' perspective on litigation.

The EC determined that the CLE should be after the Bar Convention. Jenifer T. will convey that information to Megan.

h. **Bench Books** (Sade' Turner) 9:03

Sade' reported that we have three new bench books that we anticipate to get out by next month: Judge Chon, Judge Skanchy, and Commissioner Morgan.

The next meeting will be on **May 10, 2017** at 8:00 a.m. at Parr Brown.