

## CBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION MINUTES

3-7-17

present: Charley Garcia; Tom Jackson; Jeremy Schupbach; Heidi Ray; Judge Bernard; Lindy Frolich; Judge Tow; Ann Roan; Liz Volz; Judge Romeo; Zeke Knox

Called to order at 5:34 p.m.

We don't have a quorum, so we defer approval of the minutes from 2-17.

Patricia Jarzowski and Patrick Flaherty of the CBA speak. They are meeting with lots of the sections to follow up from the summit. Patricia thanks us for our leadership and hard work. CBA has its first formal strategic plan: REFOCUS 2020. Optimizing sections is a critical part of the plan. We have 29 substantive law sections in the CBA, 15,000 active members and 10,000 of those are members of a section. This is higher than the national average. Sections are how members engage with the bar. The CBA is going through a significant transition. The CBA's membership is pretty old, it turns out. Nationally, membership in voluntary state bars is declining, although ours is staying pretty stable. However, membership is not growing from year to year. One of the big goals of the REFOCUS is optimizing sections. This was one of the goals of the November summit, which was attended for us by Tom Hammond. CBA has appointed a team of section leaders to process the information gleaned from the summit and they will roll out a best practices playbook this spring.

Three main categories of best practices: leadership, communications and engagement. On May 5, the section leaders will reconvene along with Peggy Hoffman, who is an expert in engaging with members in contemporary ways. She focuses on microinvolvement. She looks at how we can provide activities for members that allow them to participate in a more transient way, with one small activity. The section satisfaction survey showed that our satisfaction was 57%. Average was around 70%. High was 91%; low was 29%. She wants to help us get that number up.

Patrick gives background on the strategic plan. In summer of 2014, the first strategic plan was put into place. In the summer of 2015, a strategic planning coordinating committee was formed and that committee hired a professional facilitator and strategic planner to assist them. Over the course of 10 months, the Bar worked with stakeholders to gather information for the strategic plan.

The result is REFOCUS 2020, which was adopted in 2016. It is a framework for going forward. Patrick distributes the overview of the plan. Patrick's goal is recruiting and retaining members. He wants to move from passive to active recruiting. Nationally, the legal profession is one of the least diverse; he wants to make progress in that area. Perception is that the CBA is Denvercentric. He is working to change that.

CBA has done some reorganization internally to be able to offer more to sections, as the strategic plan asks more of sections.

These goals run through 2020 and implementation is well under way.

Patricia and Patrick open up the discussion for our questions. Judge Tow discusses the unique nature of our particular section. Patricia and Patrick stress that the best practices are subject to a buffet approach, rather than adoption as a package deal.

Judge Bernard acknowledges that we can and want to do better and need to think about how to better reach our members. Judge Bernard notes the collegiality among members of the executive committee of our section that needs to be pushed out to the membership of the section as a whole.

Legislative update from Jeremy: he discusses 1207, which is detention for 10-12 year olds. It has not yet gone to hearing in front of the House Judiciary Committee and he will not have any information on its fate until 11 p.m. this evening. The juvenile law section also wants to support 1207. We have voted to support the bill and Jeremy wants guidance on whether we want him to present it to LPC as a criminal law section vote to support. Charley doesn't think we are needed in order to facilitate this bill's passage and he suggests we back off and let it take care of itself. Judge Tow interprets the vote (which was 10-9) as insufficient for us to take the lead on it. Charlie stresses that we may be able to enter into the discussion about this bill at a later time, depending on what happens.

Jeremy also discusses SB 207 (72 hour mental health holds); HB 1188 (bias-motivated harassment); and HB 1204 (juvenile delinquency record expungement).

CLE update from Heidi: the Spring CLE will be \$100 for section members. She circulates the literature associated with this. We're still going to extend our traditional scholarships for this program. We ask Heidi to distribute the list of those signed up periodically when registration opens. For CLE content on the website, Heidi and Elizabeth will facilitate that when we give staff

specifics on what we want to see. Heidi and Lindy will work to distribute a list of volunteers needed for the simulation and a description of their roles.

There is no treasurer's report because Zach is absent, but we are rolling in the stuff.

We adjourn at 6:51.