

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION

SOLO AND SMALL FIRM SECTION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2009 MEETING

Members present: Martha J. Karnopp, Chair; James C. Duve, Chair elect; David A. Sprepace, Secretary; Eric L. Nesbitt, Treasurer (via telephone); Andrew I. Friedman, Barbara Hahn, Mark A. Larson, Joseph H. Lusk, Andrew M. Toft

Members absent: Joseph Bernstein

CBA Staff Liaisons present: Reba Nance, Michelle Gersic

Chair Karnopp called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting were approved with one amendment: to change "4-5000 members" to "4-500 members". Barb Hahn moved and Andy Toft seconded the motion to approve.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle reported that the section has 416 members, including those yet to pay dues. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as filed.

III. SPECIAL DISCUSSION REGARDING BOX LUNCHESES

The council discussed whether to continue with box lunches and salad or to start ordering pizza and salads. After discussion, the council decided to stay with box lunches. Joe Lusk moved and Andy Toft seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Council Members. On motion by Joe Lusk and second by Jim Duve, the council approved to vote of the members with respect to new council members, and to add Phil Shuey as council member at-large.

B. CLE Course. Jim Duve updated the CLE course on planning for attorney death or disability. The course may include two days, one related to process and one related to planning and implementation. He met with Nancy Cohen and David Weinstein of OAR, which presently has a booklet on the subject, but has no firm rules. He will meet again with CLE representatives after the present SSF meeting. He noted that there is no timetable for formulating the course or rules, and reviewed the various issues that needed to be covered by the course. Andrew Friedman suggested placing standard language in client fee agreements. Andrew Toft suggested inviting a representative of a professional liability carrier into the planning process. Joe Lusk agreed to volunteer some time toward finalizing the course.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Networking Meetings. Discussion ensued regarding whether topics should be introduced to meetings, in order to increase attendance. Topics included: COLTAF accounts, fee agreements, and other topics related to operating a solo or small firm office. The council discussed whether lunch meetings for the downtown Denver group would increase attendance, whether a few more locations should be offered, and whether to decrease the frequency to every other month, but took no action. Andrew Toft suggested soliciting the economic task force for funds.

B. Next Solo and Small Firm Section meeting. The date and time of the next meeting are October 28, 2009 at noon. The council decided to keep the meeting dates on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The cost will be \$5.00 per attendee, for the box lunch.

C. Section Meetings. The council deferred discussion of topic for the next meeting.

D. Holiday Party. The council deferred discussion until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM on motion by Jim Duve and second by Andrew Friedman.