

Colorado Bar Association-- Solo-Small Firm Practice Section

Minutes of Council meeting, September 24, 2008

Council members present in person were:

Scott Walker, Council Chair

Eric Nesbitt, Treasurer

Martha Karnopp, Secretary

Jim Duve

Joe Lusk

Andy Friedman

Michelle Gersick, CBA staff

Reba Nance, CBA staff

Council members present by telephone were:

Brian Popp, immediate past chair

1. Minutes of the 3/26/2008 were read and approved.
2. Discussion of holiday party. We were told there are no December dates at the CBA available. Brian Popp volunteered to be in charge of the party. Monday, December 15, appears to be open on the CBA calendar. Andy asked Reba to send a reminder email on Monday morning for the party. Brian suggested that we omit language indicating that a failure to RSVP prohibits attendance. One of the purposes of the party is to encourage new membership, so the suggested price structure is: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, or \$15 for new membership plus lunch. Brian moved and it was seconded that we appropriate \$300 for Michelle and Reba to purchase door prizes for the party. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion of schedule of Executive council meetings, The following dates were agreed upon: October 22, 2008; January 28, 2009; and April 22, 2009. All meetings will be at noon at the CBA office. At the January meeting, we will form a nominating committee, who will submit a slate of candidates for the next year's officers to the secretary by April 15, 2009.
4. Discussion of speaker/subject for a section meeting or meetings. Scott Walker suggested the issue of civility between attorneys. Difficult attorneys cost everyone money. Reba said that civility decreases as the number of attorneys increases. There are about 800 new attorneys about to be admitted to the bar. Brian said he will contact Judge Leopold. Reba will contact Ben Eisenberg. It was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be held on February 25, 2009 for 2 hours in the executive room of the CBA offices.
5. Discussion of the Chair-elect. In looking for a chair-elect, Andy Friedman suggested we look to see if any of our members have done the COBALT (leadership training). We reviewed profiles of several members. Brian will call Jennifer Gormley, Joe Lusk will contact Cindy Dang, Scott will contact Charles Willman. They will all be invited to the October 22 meeting. [Joe Lusk followed up with Cindy Dang, who later declined to serve as chair-elect. This was done by email.]

6. Discussion of newsletter editor. The newsletter should be published quarterly. It is a pretty easy job, with lots of material available to be downloaded from the ABA GP, Solo, and Law Practice Management articles. Jim Duve suggested maybe a semi-annual publication. No decisions were made.

7. Discussion of YLD representative. Joe Lusk said he will call Joe Bernstein to serve as a 1-year representative to the Young Lawyers Division. [Later, by email, Joe Bernstein indicated he was willing to serve. It was moved, seconded and voted on by email to appoint him as YLD representative.]

8. Discussion of networking meetings. Colorado Springs is doing well, under the leadership of Jim Duve. The DTC group seems to be declining. Andy Friedman suggested finding a restaurant where we can meet. Jeffco had about 8 people at their last meeting.

The meeting adjourned about 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha J. Karnopp, Secretary

Reba Nance mentioned the Conciliation Panel/Committee, led by Ben Eisenberg (Isenberg?). Judge John Leopold was also suggested as a speaker.