

Colorado Bar Association—Solo/Small Firm Section
Minutes of Executive Council meeting—10/22/2008

The meeting was held by conference call. Present by telephone were:

Scott Walker, chair

Jim Duve

Joe Bernstein

Joe Lusk

Brian Popp

Andy Friedman

Martha Karnopp, sec'y.

Michelle Gersic

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1. It was established that we had a quorum.

2. Jim Duve moved and it was seconded that the minutes of the 9/24/2008 meeting be accepted, with the correction of the spelling Ben Aisenberg's name. Unanimously accepted.

3. Discussion of the holiday party. Brian is "supervising" Michelle in making the arrangements. The party will be held December 15, 2008, from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm in the third floor classroom of the CBA. There will be an advertisement about the party in the Colorado Lawyer and The Docket. Michelle is contacting vendors for door prizes. One prize so far is a Corel WordPerfect Suite.

Charges will be:

4. Discussion of CLE program. Brian said Judge Leopold has a conflict for the proposed civility program from February 25, 2009. We learned that there is an advanced judges' training that day, so nearly any judge we would contact would have a conflict.

Scott said he had received a call from Brock Wood about the need for a seminar on how to handle walk-ins. He said Weld County holds a "Nuts & Bolts" day. Andy suggested a half-day on the topic. Gary Abrams of CLE agrees.

Some of the topics suggested were: for-sale-by-owner real estate transactions, foreclosures, county court issues/procedures. This kind of law has been referred to "door law," meaning whatever walks in the door.

Anyone with additional suggested topics and/or speakers should email Scott Walker with those ideas: scottwalkerlawyer@yahoo.com.

Joe B. said the YLD will be hosting a CLE seminar on professionalism on Nov. 11. He suggested we might piggy-back on that, with a "door law" CLE in the morning followed by the professionalism CLE in the afternoon. After discussion, that idea was dismissed.

It was agreed that we host a "door law" CLE on February 25, keeping our original date, and host the one on civility on March 25 from 12-2 pm. CLE will do the planning. Jim Duve said we should prioritize the list of topics. Scott will be the point-person for Brock; CLE will find the speakers.

5. Discussion of search for chair-elect. Brian talked to Eileen Bloom, who can't do it now. We haven't heard back from Jennifer Gormley. Charles Willman hasn't been reached yet.

6. Discussion of search for newsletter editor. Since there hasn't been one in 2 years, we discussed the purpose of a newsletter. The purpose would be to redistribute ABA information. The perks of membership in the SSF are networking lunches, CLEs and information. The newsletter might be the only perk for members outside the metro area/Front Range. Scott Walker offered to serve as newsletter editor, and the group unanimously agreed. Jim suggested we might combine the newsletter with networking meetings and CLEs.

7. Discussion of networking meetings. Andy asked about such meetings outside the Front Range area, and suggested one dinner meeting/month. Jim said most of the lawyers in small towns already know each other and have their local bar associations. He said we might inquire of the local bar associations about SSF networking meetings. Andy asked how they might interface with us and what they might need from us. Brian asked Michelle for a list of SSF membership by geographical area.

8. New business. Jim D. asked for clarification on the logistics of our meetings. He requested that the agenda be available two weeks before a meeting and the day of the meeting, and that we request an RSVP for the meetings. Martha promised to have the minutes sent out within 2 weeks after the meeting.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha J. Karnopp