

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION

SOLO AND SMALL FIRM SECTION

Minutes of August 25 2010 meeting

Members present:

James Duve, Chair; Martha Karnopp, Past Chair; Joe Lusk, Chair Elect; Christopher Hayes, Secretary; Dave Spreccace; Andy Friedman; Barbara Hahn

Members present by phone: Phil Shuey; Joe Bernstein; Mark Larson

CBA Staff present: Michele Gersic; Reba Nance

The meeting was called to order at 12:15

I. Minutes of April 28 Meeting

The minutes of the council meeting of April 28, 2010 were approved as presented, on motion by Joe Lusk

II. Treasurer's Report

Joe Lusk presented the Treasurer's report for Eric Nesbitt. The end of year audit is not completed, so the report cannot be considered final. The report is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

III. Old Business

A question was asked concerning the membership numbers for the year to date. Reba reported that the CBA membership overall is holding on track with historic trend. Michele reported that the Section is showing a slight increase to 434, or 8% over the historic number for this point in the year.

a. Report on pending changes to the Rules of Professional Responsibility:

Reba reported on proposed changes to Rules 1.15 and 1.16a concerning the practitioner's responsibility to retain client files that explain financial issues and that change the definition of "client property" to exclude client files. She will continue to monitor and report on the Supreme Court's considerations concerning the pending rule changes

b. Report on the "Transition" CLE program

Jim Duve reported that program was very well received. The CBA will be following up with programs on buying and selling practices, including the preparation of forms and model agreements.

- c. Board of Governors Report
The Board of Governors did not address any matters of specific interest to the Section at their last meeting.

IV. New Business

- a. Section Meeting Schedule

The schedule of meetings was confirmed as follows:

Networking meetings to be held the 4th Wednesday of each month

Council Meetings to be held October 27, 2010, January 26, 2011, April 27, 2011.

A motion was made and seconded to confirm these dates.

- b. Legislative Liaison

Chair Duve raised the issue of appointing a representative to the CBA Legislative Liaison function. Andy Friedman and Joe Lusk volunteered to be co-representatives; a motion was made and seconded to appoint them.

- c. CLE Programs

Reba reported that CLE in Colorado is proposing a Tech Conference, and a 1-day Solo and Small Firm conference. Discussion was held concerning the preferred content of such conferences and how to reach solos/small firms that are not SSFS members. The Council agreed by consensus that the Section should participate in planning for a Tech Conference. Joe Lusk and Barbara Hahn will assist in planning. Chairman Duve solicited a motion to join CLE in Colorado as a sponsor of the Tech Conference. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

- d. Networking Meetings

Discussion was held concerning the monthly networking meetings that the Section sponsors. A number of issues and concerns were aired, but the discussion was tabled without resolution.

- e. Holiday Party

Discussion was held concerning a holiday party for the Section. A motion was made, seconded and approved to hold a party on a date to be named by the CBA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to budget \$500 for door prizes.

- f. Newsletter, Website, Membership

Barbara Hahn will continue to coordinate the newsletter; she solicited additional ideas for inclusion.

Discussion was held concerning the need for a website editor for the Section website; some names were mooted but no resolution was taken.

The council members agreed to informally poll colleagues and friends to ask what would induce them to join the SSFS.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 1:35

/s/ Christopher Hayes

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