**CBA**

**Criminal Law Section Executive Council Meeting**

**October 3, 2017**

Attendance: (In Person) Chair: Ann Roan; Members: Charles Garcia, Tom Hammond, Tom Jackson, Ted Tow, Scott Turner, Elizabeth Volz.

(By Phone): Maureen Cain, Lindy Frolich.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was not present. The committee proceeded to review various matters, noting that no formal vote could be taken on any item.

Review Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed but could not be approved without a quorum.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was reviewed.

Legislative Update: Jeremy was not available to provide an update.

**OLD BUSINESS**

CLE Updates: The committee reviewed the flyer for the Fall (10/26/17) CLE. There are already 26 attendees signed up for the program. There was a discussion of topics for the “ethics” panel. It was suggested that “practical tips” tend to draw greater participation. Perhaps there is a way to combine practical practice tips with ethical issues, especially if there is a focus on supervisor responsibility to address ethical concerns. Conduct will be made with Attorney Regulation Counsel to inquire if they can recommend a speaker on such topics.

A proposal was made to offer a discount to criminal law section members signing up for an upcoming Appellate Practice CLE, perhaps offering the same price as appellate section members ($329 vs. $379 for non-members). The matter will be submitted for e-mail vote.

Teleconferencing for Meetings: Lindy attended the meeting using teleconferencing equipment. Having a “visual” presence was a plus for both those attending in-person as well as attendance by phone/video. The group discussed various programs that might be available for teleconferencing and will continue to pursue this option.

Section Summit Follow-up: There was a review of the demographics for the criminal law section. The group wondered whether the section demographics are similar to other sections. Also, considered whether the representation of CBA members by counter correlates to the number of attorneys practicing in those counties (i.e. is greater representation by Denver a result of greater number of attorneys in the district).

Elizabeth Akalin advised that the CBA is likely to make some changes to representation on Executive Committees for all sections in January, recognizing the need to have a diverse committee (for criminal section that would include representatives of the bench, DA, defense, federal, state, rural, metropolitan, etc.) It was recommended that Elizabeth and Ann meet with Amy prior to the November meeting for further discussion on these proposed changes.

As to the present membership, Ted agreed to follow-up with Zach about getting a replacement for DA representative on the board.

The following suggestions were raised: (1) form a subcommittee to review changes to selection for the executive committee and report to the full group; (2) have a yearly meeting with the entire criminal law section to encourage more communication among the group; (3) consider alternative ways to elect members to the executive committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Young Lawyers Section has requested representatives from prosecution and defense to attend a meeting of their group to discuss criminal law practice. Scott agreed to attend representing the prosecution side. Liz agreed to reach out to Michael Faye to attend as a representative from defense side.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Elizabeth Volz*

*Secretary/Treasurer*