

Labor and Employment Law Section Minutes

January 11, 2010 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present: Jeff Donahue, Larry Murphy, Brad Glazier, Niraj Ganatra, Tim Howlett, Shel Stark, Brian Koncius, Susan Hiser, Barry Goldman, Dan Bretz, Rob Boonin, Dennis Boren, Megan Norris, Joe Starr, George Wirth and Richard Mack via phone.

Absent: Robert Palmer and Darcie Brault

Motion made by Susan Hiser to Approve Minutes of December 10, 2009. Approved

Treasurer Report: Tim Howlett passed out financial reports provided by the State Bar and provided a comparison of revenue for the period of Nov 2008 and Nov. 2009. We are up almost \$6, 000 from a year ago primarily because of the \$5.00 increase in section dues. Right now we are down 98 members from a year ago but the final member count is not complete.

Chairperson Report: Jeff Donahue led discussion of proposed amendment to Notary Act and Uniform Arbitration Act. Section agreed not to take a position on the issues. Request by MERC for support of House Bill to amend the Open Meetings Act Amendment by allowing closed sessions for deliberations was discussed and tabled. Richard Mack will meet with Ruthann Okun at MERC and report back to the section.

Winter Meeting: Joe Starr reported everything is going well. We have 161 requests for dinner confirmed and the deadline has been extended until January 15. Megan Norris reported that the distinguished service award to Leonard Givens is all set.

Holiday Party: Darcie Brault was unable to be present at the meeting but provided a written report. The expenses for the party were \$651.93 under the total ticket income. Everyone who attended agreed that the venue was very good and the story telling contest was a huge success and should be repeated next year. Kudos to Darcie.

Sheldon Stark gave an update on the plans for the 2010 ICLE Labor and Employment Law seminar.

Barry Goldman reported that our new printer for Lawnotes, Inland Press, printed the most recent issue of Lawnotes at a significantly lower price than our former printer.

The next scheduled meeting for the Labor and Employment Law Section is February 8th at the offices of Varnum in Novi.