

Minutes

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION COUNCIL

June 13, 2011

Varnum/Novi Office

Members in Attendance - Darcie Brault, Bradley Glazier, George Wirth, Timothy Howlett, Larry Murphy, Joseph Starr, Jeffrey Steele, Niraj Ganatra, Ron Robinson, Susan Hiser, Megan Norris.

Absent -- Richard Mack, Dennis Boren, Robert Palmer, Jeffrey Donahue, Brian Koncius, Robert Boonin.

Also in Attendance -- Stephanie Stenburg

1. Approval of Agenda -- Agenda approved.
2. Approval of Minutes -- May Meeting
 - i. Moved, Megan Norris, support George Wirth, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report -- The May financial statements were distributed.
4. Chair's Report -- Darcie Brault reported that the annual report has been posted. She reported on communications from Candace Crowley at the State Bar that seminars were regarded by State Bar members as an important benefit for section members. Darcie also complimented those responsible for Spring Board.
5. ICLE Seminar -- Stephanie Stenburg was in attendance -- she reported that the 2011 Annual Institute had the highest attendance in history. Human resource personnel were about 1/3 of the attendees -- 45% of the attendees were LELS members. Approximately 25% were in house counsel. The new lawyer promotion was very successful, and 34 new lawyers attended.
6. By-Laws -- Darcie distributed the proposed changes. Tim Howlett moved and Megan Norris supported the revised by-laws. They were approved unanimously.
7. Westside Event -- Brad Glazier reported that the event was sold out and that it was well received. It was revenue neutral for the Section. The only constructive comment was to have participants change tables rather than moving as a group from table to table.
8. Spring Board -- Susan Hiser reported that 81 attendees prepaid and there were 4 walk-ins. The 11 speakers were not asked to pay. Susan complimented Jay Boger for his dealings with Big Rock. She also complimented Allyson Miller and Danielle Beasley for the publicity and marketing.

9. Nominations Committee -- Darcie reported that the Nominations Committee was working on a list of candidates.
10. Annual Meeting -- Tim Howlett reported that the speakers have been lined up and that the gavel and plaque have been ordered.
11. Mid Winter Meeting -- There was no report.
12. Old Business -- George Wirth commented on his attendance at the Bar Leadership Forum in Mackinaw. George indicated there was a perception that LELS could improve on welcoming new guests at our functions.
13. Next Meeting -- the next meeting will be August 8th. at Varnum in Novi.

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