

MINUTES - FAMILY LAW COUNCIL, FAMILY LAW SECTION

Date: September 15, 2011

Place

Attendance:

- **Council Members Present (number):** Anne Argiroff, Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Carol Breitmeyer, Neil Colman, Richard Halloran, Chris Harrington, James Harrington, III, Elizabeth Kitchen-Troop, Matthew Kobliska, Donna Mobilia, Philip Navarre, Antoinette Raheem, Steven Reinheimer. Traci Rink, Kristen Robinson, Erika Salerno, Rebecca Shiemke, Liisa Speaker, Ross Stancati, Connie Thacker, Gail Towne, Kent Weichmann, Stacy Van Dyken
- **Ex Officio & past Council Members:** Bob Treat, Katherine Root, Joanne Ross, Barbara Kelly
- **Council Members Elected for Term beginning 2011/2012:** Chris Harrington, Ross Stancati, Richard Halloran, Mathew Kobliska, Carol Breitmeyer, Steve Reinheimer and Connie Thacker

I. Administrative Matters

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 11AM.
- B. **Chairperson's Report:**
 - 1. Nominations and elections of executive council; all nominees unanimously elected:

Chair/President: Connie Thacker
Chair-Elect: Traci Rink
Treasurer: James Harrington
Corresponding Secretary: Rebecca Shiemke
Recording Secretary: Carol Breitmeyer
- C. **Treasurer:** Traci Rink submitted budget. Motion to approve. Unanimous approval. (Attached)
- D. **Recording Secretary:**
 - 1. Rebecca Shiemke submitted minutes from June 2011. Motion to approve. Unanimous approval. (Attached)
 - 2. Motion from Rebecca Shiemke to approve and fund 13 Legal Aid scholarships for Family Law Institute. Unanimous approval. (13 x \$195)
 - 3. Motion from Rebecca Shiemke re: Family Court Forum for 2000 donation as in past. Unanimous approval.

II. **Standing Committee Reports:**

- A. **Legislation.** Kent Weichmann; see attached legislation agenda
 - 1. HB 4740 - amend child custody act; rec council opposes bill, moved, unanimously approved (20 approved).
 - 2. HB 4679 - foreign law; "anti-shari'ah law", sees this as political football; not necessary directly for family law; received no position (20 approved).
 - 3. HB 4883 - amend paternity act confinement to abate if dad has the children; mechanics of the bill are a problem, relationship; received: oppose the bill as currently worded, need alternative language; motion move to accept recommendation (20 approved).
 - 4. SB 547 - parenting plan bill; this bill is a mixed bag; problematic language; quirky language; rec oppose bill; move to accept recommendation, vote: (20 approved).
 - 5. SB 557, 558, 559, 560 - paternity act; this bill is complicated, lots of different status; addresses a genuine problem; recommendation: amend to one year savings clause be added; motion to recommend passage with one (20 approved).
 - 6. Group: non bills - we will weigh in:
 - A. Sex offender bill - need case by case, etc.; recommendation: judicial discretion is necessary in these cases.
 - 7. Schumacher - committee recommends that the committee express to the senator that would be more than harmful
 - 8. Minor/majority issue: 17 year old demanding child support from parents be abandoned; there is a case already; unnecessary in light of Nelson decision; unanimous approval
- B. **Court Rules.** No report.
- C. **Adoption.** No report.
- D. **Alternative Dispute Resolution.** No report.
- E. **Alternative Family.** No report.
- F. **Amicus.** No report.
- G. **Annual Meeting.** No report.
- H. **CLE/ICLE.** No report.
- I. **Domestic Violence.** No report.
- J. **Family Court Forum.** Motion for family court forum sponsorship \$2,000. Unanimous approval.
- K. **Family Law Journal.** No report.
- L. **Family Support.** No report.
- M. **Membership/Mentor Roundtables.** No report.
- N. **Midwinter/Midsummer Seminars.** No report.
- O. **Political Action Committee.** No report.

P. **QDRO/Taxation.** No report.

Q. **Technology.** No report.

III. Ad Hoc Committees

A. **Resource Allocation Committee.** No report.

B. **Parenting Coordination.** No report.

C. **Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.** No report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.. Next Meeting: **October 1, 2011** at Amway Grand Hotel.
Breakfast is available at 9:00 a.m. and meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Breitmeyer
Recording Secretary

DATED: September 27, 2011