



IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

MINUTES

August 31, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Via [Zoom](#)

- I. Called to order 12:05pm
- II. Recording Secretary roll call of Council members
 - Council members present 10/18.
 - Quorum reached
 - 23 members present
- III. Approval of the Minutes from June 29, 2022
(July 27, 2022 meeting no business - Presentation by Johanna Kononen on Trauma Response practice)
 - Moved by Chair Maze, Seconded by Ms. Siewert. Motion passes
- IV. Approval of the Agenda.
 - Moved by Chair Maze, Seconded by Ms. Siewert. Motion passes
 - Publication funding proposal added to publication committee. Friendly amendment
- V. Membership open comment
 - Treasurer Arturo was named one to watch in America! Congratulations
- VI. Reports
 - A. **Chair Report**
 - a. New initiatives underway - Publications and Scholarship
 - b. Voting on supporting MIRC and Lighthouse
 - i. Have 3 years of funding built up. We will be awarding \$5000 per organization to support their work. Proposals are part of meeting materials
 - c. New Board members, expiring seats
 - i. Will reach out to board members
 - d. Elections going forward for Executive Committee
 - i. Abril and Brad willing to continue for next year if others not wanting to run for positions
 1. Typically VC goes to Chair
 - e. Annual Meeting, **October 21, 2022 (Fri) or October 26, 2022 (Wed)**
 - i. Likely Oct. 21

- ii. Business - Voting for New Board members, Executive Committee
 - 1. Could do brief presentations or bring someone up
 - 2. Via zoom
 - 3. Please let us know if you are interested in the Board or Executive committee
 - 4. Given pandemic weirdness, we are offering Brad to stay on as Chair and Abril as Vice-Chair– but it is open to contest
 - 5. There is one board see currently open
 - 6. Questions of about the roles, please let us know

B. Vice Chair Report

- a. Presentation for Children's Law Section week of October 3-14 lunch, avoid Mondays, 12-1:130pm
 - i. Lunch and learn dealing with criminal procedures, juvenile justice, CPS (termination of parental rights). Interested in immigration 101 and how someone gets into removal proceedings.
 - ii. Deportation cannot be the basis for termination of parental rights. They are interested in learning how/why a person could be deported.
 - iii. Possible: DACA, SIJ, juvenile adjudications are not good moral character, HYTA
 - iv. Looking for a list of available translators
 - v. MIRC (Sarah and Rebeca) will take the opportunity to their team
- b. Congratulations to Arturo Alfaro for being recognized by Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch in America."

C. Treasurer

- a. Budget Overview and Updates
 - i. \$30918 in account. How should we best use these funds to support projects around us. Three proposals from MIRC, Lighthouse, and Publications + Scholarship
 - ii. Approx \$11,000/year
 - iii. We have enough funds to fund all of the proposals at face value this year, but could not sustain at this amount every year. We are considering higher proposals because of the unique circumstances
 - iv. Publications Cmte.
 - 1. \$6,000 for 4 newsletters/year
- b. Scholarship Committee
 - i. Request for 2 scholarships at \$1000 each
 - ii. E-board approved 4 scholarships at \$1000 each

D. Section Representatives

- None

E. Subcommittee

- a. Events/Programming Committee (Abril Valdes Siewert)

- i. See Vice-Chair report
 - ii. Annual meeting events?
 - 1. Something education
 - 2. Something social
 - 3. Next Step: Kim Buddin will put together a google survey for the section– we will announce by next meeting
 - 4. Many people are comfortable being in person
- Membership Committee (Chris Dutot)
 - Will collaborate with Programming committee on Annual meeting event
- Publication Committee (Rebecca Robichaud)
 - Goal is to get articles written by section members written, edited, and published
 - Currently there are 3 articles sitting with committee right now
 - Having the committee edit and find place to edit is creating a backlog. No one has capacity to edit and publish on top of their full time jobs
 - Criminal law section pays a person to edit and publish a newsletter
 - Responsibilities include:
 - Developing content
 - Reaching out to people for articles
 - Designing
 - Publishing
 - Editing
 - \$1500/article
 - Could be quarterly, annually, biannually
 - Next steps: Cmte. to meet with E-board
 - Vote as council at next meeting
- Community Outreach Committee (Brad Maze)
 - None
- Public Policy Committee (Kim Buddin)
 - [Proposal to Amend MCR 8.120](#)- Expanding supervised practice to individuals already barred in other states and to civil legal aid services and programs (Action Item)
 - Unanimous
 - [Proposal to Amend MRPC 6.1](#)- Voluntary Pro Bono Service (Action Item)
 - Moved by Kim, Seconded by Brad
 - Concerns:
 - Mandatory? Are there
 - It would be better if time spent mentoring other attorneys and participating in organizations that

advance the practice of law more broadly counts towards the 50 hours.

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- Motion tabled for more information

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- Budget Committee (Arturo Alfaro, Treasurer)
 - Proposal for 4 \$1000 Scholarships (2 merit, 2 needs based)
 - Poll 91% support 9% abstain
 - Comments
 - Needs determination: being decided by Committee and is typically a totality of circumstances
 - There are a lot of parameters that go into determining need
 - Concerns about ranking who has the most need. Perhaps this is not a good role for our Section?
 - Bar may have criteria for scholarships and need based
 - Could we rely on other sources to determine need, like receipt of other need-based loans/grants/scholarship
 - Proposal \$5000 to MIRC
 - 13-0-4. Proposal approved
 - Proposal \$5000 to Lighthouse
 - 13-0-4. Proposal approved

F. Congressional Liaison Reports (Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout, Ellie Mosko)

- None

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at noon

VIII. Adjourned at 12:59pm