

## Minutes of WC Section Council Meeting—February 7, 2014

**Members Present:** Palmer, Housefield, Rabideau, Flynn, Parker, Combs, Esper, Conklin, Sesi, Bava, Chizick, Frame and Hamm.

1. Chuck Palmer called the meeting at 9:07 a.m.
2. **Secretary's report:** Chris Rabideau submitted the minutes of the January 10, 2014 Section Council Meeting. Following a motion to accept the minutes, the motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ella Parker provided the Treasurer's Report. She indicated that through December 2013 the Section was at \$84,459.82. This does not include payments of \$2,500 to Kids' Chance and payment to the U Club for the winter meeting Council lunch. Therefore, the Section's balance is currently a little over \$80,000. Ella indicated that dues are down about \$1,000 from last year and about \$1,300 from two years ago. Following a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, the motion passed.
4. **Summer Meeting:** Chuck Palmer signed the contract with Crystal Mountain. Ella Parker submitted a check for the deposit in the amount of \$750. The Council discussed possible topics for the meeting. Some possibilities include evidence based medicine, CMS issues, facilitations, proofs necessary to try and win cases under current law, and ethics. The Council will want to decide on topics/speakers no later than April.
5. **Cell phone list:** Tim Esper will send Chuck Palmer the cell phone list and Chuck will send an e-mail blast to the Section.
6. **Hall of Fame:** A Hall of Fame committee has been established. Ella Parker included a request for nominees in the newsletter. If the committee does not have sufficient names of nominees by the March meeting, Chuck Palmer will send out an email blast asking for nominees from section members. The Council would like to have the new Hall of Fame inductees selected by April 2014.
7. **SB 743:** This bill makes membership to the SBM voluntary. Chuck Palmer moved to enter a formal position opposing SB 743. Rosa Bava and Andrea Hamm seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor of this motion.
8. **Facilitations:** Members voiced their concerns that facilitations are clogging up some of the magistrates' dockets. This has made it increasingly difficult for practitioners to get in and out of court when handling other business because facilitations are monopolizing the magistrates' time. Members agree that mornings should remain clear for magistrates to handle trial dates, redemptions, motions, and control dates, and that facilitations should be done in the afternoons

or on Mondays and Fridays. There also should be some time parameters for facilitations. Chuck Palmer will talk to Chief Magistrate Lisa Klaeren about the problem and solicit her recommendations for solving the problem. Chuck will then email recommendations for guidelines to the Council for a vote.

9. **Past Chair Golf Outing:** Bill Housefield proposed having the outing on May 9, 2014 at Forest Akers and dinner at the U Club. The Council will have their May meeting that morning at 11 a.m. with golf at 1 p.m. A dinner will follow at the U Club. Bill expects that there will be about 20 participants. A motion was made and seconded for the above format. All voted in favor.
10. **Fuze Meeting:** Overall, there continues to be a positive response from Council members. The ongoing concern is the lack of a Magistrate's Report, MCAC report, and Director's report since using Fuze. Chuck Palmer will contact Lisa Klaeren, Jack Nolish, and Jack Wheatley to encourage them to get their computers set up with Fuze so they can participate.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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WC Section Council Secretary