

GENERAL PRACTICE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Present: Richard White; Clark Davis; Lynn Carlino; Maury Klein; William L. Cataldo. All other absences excused.

Minutes: Bill Cataldo to substitute as Secretary for this meeting. Minutes from last month were approved with minor changes. Maury Klein moved and was seconded by Clark Davis. Unanimously approved.

Chair's Report: Chair White spoke to a representative from the State Bar Association on terms to send our newsletter electronically to members. There are a couple of options, including a link from the state bar website or actual delivery of the newsletter. White has asked for pricing information on these options. The information should be delivered before the next monthly meeting. Potential notice of the Section's desire to deliver the newsletter via email is to be published in the next newsletter.

Clark Davis spoke to the Chair of the Administrative Law Section about their e-newsletter. Their e-newsletter has built in links to citations and other publications. The GP Section would like to model our newsletter the same way. We are awaiting process and pricing information from them.

Susan Brown from the State Bar is willing to spend an evening with the committee to discuss the formation and delivery of e-newsletters.

Committee Reports: None

Treasurer's Report: The State Bar did not send out the new numbers in time for the monthly meeting.

Newsletter Report: The proposed Nov/Dec newsletter was reviewed by section members. Maury indicated this newsletter was going to be sent one time to all 1020 new bar members, with an invitation to join the section. Cost of the additional mailing was approximately \$1000.00. Maury Klein made the motion to approve the thousand dollar expenditure. It was seconded by Bill Cataldo. It was unanimously approved.

Old Business: The committee chaired by Clark Davis and Bill Roy was moving forward on preparing the paperwork to change the section's name. In reviewing the bylaws, a discussion was held on the validity of maintaining the provision that requires a nominating committee of three members of the council to nominate new members. The original reasons for including needing it are outdated. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

New Business: Should the section support or start a mentoring program for new bar members? Maury Klein pointed out how the list-serve already provides assistance. He indicated we would be better off promoting it as a reference source than starting a

program. That suggestion was echoed by Lynn Carlino who explained the experience Bake College had with mentoring programs and their abject failure. Carlino explained an informal mentoring process was more successful.

Meeting adjourned until December 17, 2009.