



Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes for
9:15 AM, Tuesday, May 25, 2010.
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1. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Douglas MacCourt (Chairperson); David Shaw (Chair-Elect); Lisa Bluelake (Past Chair); Brent Leonhard (Secretary); Jennifer Amiot; Jennifer Biesack; Craig Dorsay; Michael Grieser; Lee Shannon; Carl Ullman

2. AGENDA REVIEW

Agenda approved.

3. REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES

David Shaw moved to approve the April meeting minutes; Michael Grieser seconded. **Motion passed 10-0-0.**

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Kelly presented the Treasurer's Report.

5. BUSINESS

a. Section Member Survey

i. Report from Doug and Lisa.

Can use survey monkey or do it ourselves as a word document and broadcast it. Doug and Lisa will work with the Bar to get this done. Preference is for use of survey monkey.

b. CLE & Other Outside Meetings Subcommittee

i. NREL/ATNI/ILS Conference Update.

Will have final agenda today. Applied for 7.5 CLE credits, focusing on June 8 date so people don't have to attend all 3 ½ days. ATNI has been sending out save the date notices.

ii. Update on event with Professor Frank Pommersheim during his summer tour of duty at Lewis & Clark.

There was discussion regarding a reception in July for Prof. Pommersheim while he is out here to teach a summer course at Lewis & Clark. He is open to suggestions on topics. Suggestions can be sent to Lisa via email. Suggested dates were the 15th or 22nd of July. Ater Wynn will host a catered reception.

iii. Report on NALSA event at U of O.

Doug listened to presentation, with about 30 students present. They were appreciative that someone from the section went. One issue raised is that U of O NALSA is lobbying for a full time tenured Indian Law professor. NALSA forwarded a packet of info on the issue, Doug will circulate it. They asked if the section would also write a letter of support. There was discussion about that and need to be general in nature, focusing on improving the Indian Law Bar in Oregon. There was also discussion about the need for a general policy on these kinds of request. Doug will call Bar about policy issues and float a generally worded letter to the group. Given the timeline there was some concern expressed about getting this done on time. A letter will be floated before a policy is adopted given this is likely not a political issue. Doug will circulate it by email.

c. Update on State v. Kurtz proposal.

There was discussion about members weighing in not as a section proposal, but individually. Kurtz was discussed, including a legislative fix and the need for an amicus brief. The language being floated right now focuses on tribal officers completing state training and tribes having insurance coverage for officer actions. It would not require cross-deputation agreements. There

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was also discussion about the need for an amicus brief and that it should focus on policy consideration, particularly with respect to potential non-Indian jurisdictional gaps. Brent will keep the section posted on developments.

d. Proposed changes to bylaws.

Doug reported that due to the great turnout over the last two meetings, and the discussions with the OSB Counsel concerning bylaws amendments, the need for an amendment and the process to get it to the Bar for approval suggested we may be better off with a different strategy, such as reducing the number of Committee members to improve quorum outcomes and/or revisiting each Committee member's commitment to serving. Doug will confirm whether other sections have successfully amended the standard bylaws and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

6. CLOSING COMMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

- i. 9:15a.m., Tuesday June 22, 2010
- ii. Agenda items to Doug MacCourt (dcm@aterwynne.com) by Friday, June 4, 2010.