

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trial Lawyers' Executive Council

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Location: The Inn at Southbridge
1020 Main Street, St. Helena, CA 94574

Room – Southbridge Courtyard Room

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Florida Bar Trial Lawyers' Section Executive Council met on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wayne L. Helsby called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The minutes were taken by Hector A. More'.

Roll Call: Council members present: Wayne L. Helsby, Craig A. Gibbs, Theodore C. Eastmoore, Hector A. More', Kimberly A. Cook, Courtney K. Grimm, Joseph F. 'Skooter' Kinman, Jr., Mindy McLaughlin, Terrence P. O'Connor, William E. Partridge, Stuart N. Ratzan, John W. Williams, Robert Palmer, III, Katherine Hunter (by telephone), Thomas S. Edwards, Patricia E. Lowry, and Clifford "Sandy" Sanborn, III.

Others Present: Bar Administrator Eugene Sherman, and former TLS Chairs: Dominic Caparello, Frank Bedell, and Clifford C. Higby.

Council members absent: Latasha Garrison-Fullwood, Basil L. Bain, Thomas E. Bishop, Christopher E. Knight, Darryl L. Lewis, Sidney L. Matthew, Lewis W. Murphy, and Vicky Lynn Sproat.

1. Introduction:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Helsby at 9:00 a.m.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the January 19, 2013, meeting held at The JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes, were approved.

3. Committee Reports:

a. Social Committee:

Social Committee- Terry O'Connor gave the report on the activities for the Napa trip.

b. Legislative:

Wayne L. Helsby gave the report and outlined the various bills on which the Section has taken a position.

A Motion was made that the Section should oppose the bill requiring expert testimony from the same medical specialty as an access to Courts issue. The Motion was seconded and the matter was discussed. The Motion was passed.

- c. Advanced Trial Advocacy (ATA):**
Bob Palmer gave the report and stated that registration is down by 20 paying registrants. He urged Executive Council Members to recruit trial lawyers to attend the seminar.
- d. CLE:**
Tom Edwards gave the report and stated that there will not be a Med Mal CLE at the Bar Convention because of anticipated legislative changes in Med Mal laws.
- e. Mock Trial:**
No Report.
- f. Civil Trial Certification:**
Joseph F. 'Skooter' Kinman, Jr., gave the report concerning the proposed changes for Civil Trial Certification as outlined in "Exhibit 3" of the agenda. A Motion was made to approve the recommendation in "Exhibit 3", in which a trial credit would have to consist of more than just participating in Voir Dire. A second to the Motion was made and the Motion was passed.
- g. Board of Governors Liaison:**
No Report.
- h. Long Range Planning (LRP):**
Wayne L. Helsby reported that a meeting of the LRP Committee will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the ATA Seminar. The Mock Trial Competition, Teachers Law School, The Summit and Budget Committee, will all report their recommendations.
- i. Discovery Handbook:**
John Williams reported that The Conference of Circuit and County Judges vetted the new edition, made various revisions, and the new edition is ready to be distributed. A Motion was made to send a copy to all Florida Circuit and County Judges. After the Motion was seconded, it was passed.
- j. Future Meetings:**
The next meeting will be held during the Annual Bar Convention in Boca Raton on June 28, 2013.

No further business appearing, the meeting upon motion was adjourned.