

## **TRIAL LAWYERS SECTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

L'Auberge Del Mar

Del Mar, California

Saturday, 11 April 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Hector Moré, Thomas Bishop, Wiley Hicks, David Roy, Wayne Helsby, Charlie Bartlett, Ted Eastmoore, Darryl Lewis, Hon. A. Smith, Chase Early, Katherine Hunter, Skooter Kinman, Wes Smith, Mindy McLaughlin, Pat Lowry, Dennis O'Connor, John Williams, Chuck Ingram, Cliff Higby.

By Phone: Courtney Grimm, Bob Harris, Vickie Sproat

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Hector A. Moré
    - Welcome to Del Mar.
  2. Meetings/Social Committee – Charlie Bartlett
    - Great meeting and great events.
    - Credit to T. O'Connor for hard work in arrangements.
  3. Approval of Minutes
    - The minutes of the 24 January 2015 meeting were approved by acclamation.
  4. Financial Report/Budget Committee – Tom Bishop
    - Current fund balance is \$500,418.
    - The financial reports and budget were approved by acclamation.
  5. Committee Reports
    - A. Summit – Mindy McLaughlin
      - Great success, thanks to C. Grimm, C. Bartlett, A. Smith and K. Hunter.
      - Came in under budget.
    - i. Mock Trial – Charlie Bartlett
      - Great event; new winners this year, thanks to Judge Smith for her help.

- ii. Teachers Law School – Katherine Hunter/Mindy McLaughlin
  - Another excellent program; all good reviews from teachers; planning next year in Jacksonville.
  
- B. Advanced Trial Advocacy – Tom Bishop
  - Set for 12-15 May at UF Law.
  - Call for assistance in identifying students and scholarship applicants.
  
- C. By Laws – Stuart Ratzan
  - No report.
  
- D. Civil Trial Update/Certification – Chuck Ingram
  - 44 took exam.
  - New rules not yet approved.
  
- E. CLE – Tom Edwards/Mindy McLaughlin
  - Med mal seminar set for USF, working on dates.
  
- F. Council of Sections – Courtney Grimm
  - No report.
  
- G. Discovery Handbook – John Williams
  - W. Smith and J. Williams have assigned chapters, getting assistance with updates.
  
- H. Leadership Academy – Vickie Sproat
  - No report.
  
- I. Legislative Committee/Lobbyist’s Report - Tom Bishop/Bob Harris
  - Relatively quiet session thus far. Continuing to monitor several bills.
  
- J. Long Range Planning – Ted Eastmoore
  - No report.
  
- K. Membership – Wil Murphy

- No report.
- L. Professionalism Guidelines/TLS – Stuart Ratzan
  - No report.
- M. Publications – Kim Ashby
  - No report.
- N. Special Projects – Pat Lowry/Kim Ashby
  - No report.
- O. Website – Courtney Grimm
  - Resolving website issues.
- P. Liaison to Florida Bar Committees – Joe Kinman
  - i. ABOTA – Joe Kinman
    - Next National Board meeting May 1-3 San Francisco.
  - ii. ADR – Joe Kinman
  - iii. Civil Procedures Rules – Joe Kinman
    - Working on additur and remittitur rules, and proposal for settlement.
  - iv. Evidence Committee – Joe Kinman
  - v. Judicial Administration Rules – Joe Kinman
  - vi. Judicial Ethics Advisory – Pat Lowry
    - No report.
- Q. Board of Governors Liaison – Wayne Helsby
  - See BOG report attached as exhibit.
- R. Judicial Liaison – Hon. Amy Smith

- No report.

S. Future Meetings – Hector Moré

- June 25-27, 2015 – Florida Bar Convention, Boca Raton, FL
- June 26, 2015 - TLS Executive Council meeting
- June 26, 2015 – Chester Bedell Memorial and Selig Golden Luncheon (12:00 – 2:00 pm)
- Aug. 27-29, 2015 – Renaissance Vinoy St. Pete
- Nov. 12-14, 2015 – Ocean Reef Club

6. Old Business

- None.

7. New Business

- None.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned.