

TRIAL LAWYERS SECTION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14-16, 2016
THE DRISKILL HOTEL, AUSTIN, TEXAS

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Courtney Grimm – Chairperson, Tom Bishop – Vice Chair, Hector Moré – Immediate Past Chair, John Williams, Tom Dart, Wayne Helsby, Wes Smith, Tom Edwards, Wiley Hicks, Mindy McLaughlin, Dennis O’Connor, Wil Murphy, Chuck Ingram, Jeff Goodis, Charlie Bartlett, Ted Eastmore, Skooter Kinman – Secretary/Treasurer, Chase Early – Section Administrator

By Phone: Terry O’Connor, David Roy, Nick Mizzel, Vickie Sproat, Herman Russomanno, Bob Harris

Absent: Judge Amy smith, Bill Partridge, Kim Ashby, Darryl Lewis, Katherine Hunter, Chris Knopik

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Courtney Grimm: Thank you to all attending in Austin.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2016

- Approved by unanimous vote.

3. Financial Report/Budget Committee – Skooter Kinman

Current Fund Balance \$518,000; down \$44,500 from this time last year
Total Revenue down \$48,500; Dues Down \$10,000; Expenses up \$79,000

Historical Summit Costs:	2013 Orlando (J.W. Marriott)	\$93,950
	2014 Tampa (Marriott Waterside)	\$69,100
	2015 W. Palm Beach Marriott	\$70,650
	2016 Sawgrass Marriott Gulf Resort	\$150,220

4. Committee Reports

A. Leadership Academy – Vickie Sproat: Vickie requested \$5,000 to sponsor a Leadership Academy reception on Thursday night at the Florida Bar Annual Meeting, which is to include a two (2) minute presentation by representative from the Trial Lawyers Section.

- Approved by unanimous vote.

B. Advanced Trial Advocacy – Tom Bishop: It’s a sell-out, all 56 slots are occupied. Two (2) scholarship recipients honoring Bob Mansbach and Glen Burton need to be decided on.

- C. Publications/Social Media – Kim Ashby: No report.
- D. Membership – Wil Murphy: Recent letter/efforts resulted in 500 new members.
- E. CLE – Mindy McLaughlin: There were 142 attendees at the Feb. 4-5, 2016 Civil Trial Certification Review Course (sold out). There were about 43 in attendance at the March 11, 2016 Medical Malpractice Course (about 100 live via web), the May 11-14, 2016 Advanced Trial Advocacy Course is full, the Topics in Evidence Seminar is upcoming on May 6, and a High Tech Seminar is in the works.
- F. Discovery Handbook – John Williams: Has been distributed, we have about 30 extra copies.
- G. Legislative/Lobbyist's Report – Tom Bishop/Bob Harris: The Legislative Session has ended, a special session will be necessary, the alimony bill was vetoed. Recommended to award Senate Legislator of the Year to Senator Joyner and the House Legislator of the Year to Representative Moscovitz. Suggestion to come up with process/procedure to work with The Bar on "term limits" and Constitutional Revision Commission. Special thanks to Tom Edwards and Tom Bishop on the outstanding "Daubert Paper" submitted to Florida Supreme Court.
- H. Mock Trial – Wiley Hicks: Great job at Sawgrass.
- I. Teacher Law School – Wes Smith: Great job at Sawgrass.
- J. Council of Sections – Tom Bishop/Skooter Kinman: Nothing to report.
- K. Website/Social Media – David Roy: It rocks, has been updated.
- L. Civil Trial Certification – Chuck Ingram: 42 out of 42 applicants passed the test last year, there are 28 applicants tests responses being graded now for this year.
- M. Board of Governors Liaison – Wayne Helsby: Nothing to report.
- N. Florida Bar Committees Liaison – Skooter Kinman: Nothing to report.
- ADR
 - Civil Procedure rules
 - Evidence Committee
 - Judicial Administration Rules
- O. Judicial Liaison – Amy Smith: Judge Smith has retired due to health reasons. A new judicial liaison will be selected.
- P. Bylaws/Release/Professionalism Guidelines – Chris Knopik: No report.

Q. Long Range Planning – Ted Eastmore: Nothing to report.

R. Special Projects – Kim Ashby: No report.

S. Meetings/Social Committee – Terry O'Connor: Many thanks to Terry for setting up dinners/activities in Austin.

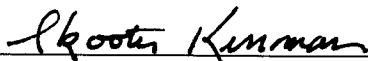
T. Next meeting is June 15-18, 2016 at Florida Bar, Annual Meeting at the Hilton Bonnet Creek in Orlando.

5. Old Business - None

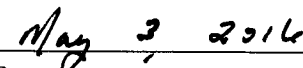
6. New Business - None

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. CST on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at The Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph F. Kinman, Jr. – Secretary/Treasurer



Date