

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

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1003 Minutes

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Roll Call:

- David Black
- Jeff Bean
- Debra Synovec
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- Rina Goodman
- Hon. Heather Van Nuys
- Steve Crossland
- Paul McVicker
- Hon. Robert Alsdorf

- Lish Whitson
- Mark Baumann
- Sherman Knight

QUORUM

OTHERS

Steve Toole, Toni Doane, Paris
Adrien Keith
Jensen Mauseth

1. Review & Adopt prior minute(s)

No motion was made as there was no quorum. Dave will circulate for an e-vote. No issues were discussed regarding meeting minutes for 1002 meeting.

2. Modifications to current agenda

Rina asked that we discuss the education committee and ADR conference.

3. Public Comments/Correspondence

a. Feb. 24, 2010: Paris Seabrook –January Financials

Paris Seabrook provided January and February financials. 5 or 8 members added to the ADR Section. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the financials, they should contact Dave Black or Cortland Schaefer.

b. Mar. 2, 2010: Kimberly Knight, Section Dir., ABA DR Section Luncheon Invite.

The American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution sent an invitation for their Leadership Luncheon scheduled for April 8, 2010 in San Francisco. If anyone is interested in attending they should contact Dave Black for information.

c. Kim Coghlan, WSBA Legislative Committee Chair, UCLA issue.

Jeff Bean exchanged correspondence with Steve Toole about the ADR Section's request that the Board of Governors support the approval of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. Questions were raised about what process will be followed for soliciting stakeholder interest. Jeff Bean agreed to follow up with Steve Larson. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Legislative Committee for review.

d. Mar. 3, 2010: Michael Guadagno, Esq. \$\$ for HS Mock Trial Team.

Attorney Michael Guadagno made a request to the ADR Section for donations for the Nathan Hale High School Mock trial team. He was invited to come to the ExCom meeting to make a pitch today, but he did not come. Dave did not recommend any action.

e. Mar. 5, 2010: - Kathy Kline, UW Law School Conf. and Contin. Ed. Dir., NW DR Conf. Sponsorship Invoice \$1500.

We received an sponsorship invoice from the Washington Law School Foundation for \$1,500 for the 17th Annual Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference, April 30 to May 1, 2010. Toni Doane confirmed payment. --Toni Doane confirmation of payment

f. Mar. 9, 2010: Kathy Kline, Final NW ADR Brochure

We received and reviewed the brochure for the next NW ADR Conference. It looks like it will be a great program. The ADR Section's annual meeting will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010.

g. Mar. 17, 2010: Toni Doane, KCRC mediation training 3/22

Toni Doane sent Dave and Jeff an e-mail about upcoming mediation training through the Dispute Resolution Center of King County. Discussion ensued as to whether we should post this on the ADR Section's old website when the new website is almost ready to launch. Questions were raised about procedures for posting notices re: CLE's and other educational matters on the ADR Section's website. Dave suggested that if we can get the new website up and running this weekend, he will submit for an e-vote. The issue of procedures for posting CLE notices was informally referred to the education committee.

h. Mar. 18, 2010:

1) Paris Seabrook, WSBA FaceBook launched

Paris Seabrook announced a new "Sections of the Washington State Bar Association Fan Page" on FaceBook. Dave commented that this is an exciting opportunity to recruit others to our section, and to see what other sections are doing. If you want to post something on FaceBook, send it to Paris Seabrook.

2) Paris Seabrook, February 2010 Financials

Paris Seabrook provided January and February financials. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the financials, they should contact Dave Black or Courtland Schaefer.

4. Consent Agenda

None.

5. Financial Report (Treasurer)

Courtland reported on highlights from budgets.

6. Old Business

a. Interim EVotes

1) Matter No. 1003-1: Food Plan for annual meeting - PASSED

MOTION (Rina): "To adopt the food plan described below for the WSBA ADR section annual meeting @ the NW DR conference on April 30:"

1 Classic Cobb Salad Bowl	\$60.95	serves 10-12 entrees; or 15-20 side
1 Pear & Bleu Cheese Salad Bowl	\$52.95	serves 10-12 entrees; or 15-20 side
1 Tortellini with Pesto Salad Bowl	\$64.95	serves 10-12 entrees; or 15-20 side
1 Large tray assorted cookies (72 pieces)	\$32.95	
1 Large pinwheel tray assorted wraps (36 pieces)	\$44.95	
50 assorted (we can pick)	\$62.50	
3 Tongs	\$03.00	
2 Serving Fork & Spoon Set	\$03.90	
Plates & utensils for 50	<u>\$24.75</u>	
	\$350.90	
	<u>35.09</u> tax	
	\$385.99	

The food plan anticipates 50 people attending. If there is an indication that there will be more attendees, we may have to do an e-vote to budget for more food.

b. Matters

1) 0912-6: Lish e-mail suggestion to amend bylaws, Motion?

No discussion.

2) 1002-1: Deskbook Pace Discussion

(a) *Feb: Lish expressed some concern that things are going forward, or not going forward, without direction from us. Deskbook Committee need to get together to determine whether we have the right people, right timeline, whether Collaborative Law.*

(b) *Feb: Consensus: let's have a discussion next month with Heather's input.*

(c) *Comment? Concerns were expressed that all we have is a table of contents at this point. Sherman expressed concern that the desk book idea is "losing steam". Discussion ensued about the target market for the desk book and content. Dave asked Sherman to contact Lish and Heather to discuss further and report back at next meeting.*

3) 1002-2: Mediator of the Year Award Discussion

- (a) *Feb: Deferred for clear request from WMA.*
- (b) *Feb: Discussion regarding whether we should have our own reward; some concerns raised about what standards would be used; Mark may lead an ad hoc group investigating standards and what an award program would look like.*
- (c) Comment?

We have declined to do anything this year because of timing.

4) 1002-3: WSBA L&E Section Co-sponsor Neutral/Advocate Reception ?

- (a) *Feb: need info regarding cost and what we'd get for the sponsorship.*
- (b) *Status report.*

Dave has asked for more information. He has not received a response yet.

5) 1002-4: Courtland and Mediation Certification Discussion.

- (a) *Committee concludes that if we should choose, we could have an opinion in mediation certification. It's a very contentious and divisive issue. Before doing anything, we would want to have more opinions – a member poll? What's the Executive Committee's opinion on how wide a net to cast on getting opinions?*
- (b) *Education Committee on issue of symposium or educational idea, with Courtland from Legislative Committee.*
- (c) Comment?

Courtland is not here today. Rina will follow up with Courtland about this.

6) 1002-5: WSBA proposed Article IX amendments.

- (a) Status report.

Bar's suggestion to amend Article 9 regarding how sections are created or terminated. Discussion. If anyone has thoughts or comments, the comment period still remains open for a month or so.

7. New Business (Reports, Motions, Motions/SS, Questions/Requests)

a. 1003-2: (R) CPW Report: Jeff

Jeff reports that he met with CPW. There was a consensus that it may be worthwhile to have a CPW liaison to this board. Felicia Malsby offered to send a liaison. Membership to the ADR Section is encouraged. Jeff and Dave will follow up.

b. 1003-3: (R) WMA Report: Jeff

The Washington Mediation Association asked if we would be interested in being involved in a program with Resolution Washington, during NW DR conference. Jeff would relay the offer but would not make a recommendation. Consensus that we address these questions next year as part of the program planning process.

c. 1003-4: (R) Seattle U. Students Report: Jeff

SU has identified a Nichole Demmon as a contact for Seattle U students to get involved with ADR. He acknowledged Jensen Mauseth, SU DR Board, who attended the board meeting. Further attendance was encouraged.

d. 1003-5: (M) New Web Site Approval to Launch & Invite

Dave demonstrated the new website. The new website is a platform that allows us to incorporate all of the functionality of a Yahoo list serve, plus more, such as member profile, etc. This will be a great tool for members to use for client development purposes.

Dave will circulate an e-vote to approve new website and invite current members

Discussion: re: use of the word "Section" in the main header. Toni recommended disclaimer language. We need to make sure that information coincides with Bar's framework. Dave will circulate .jpg's of different headers for e-vote.

Jeff: We should let people know that the new website will replace the list serve.

e. 1003-6: (M\$) Approval for section to pay for Ad removal from site.

Dave will circulate an e-vote for the section to pay for removal of Google adds on the website.

f. 1003-6: (M) Approval for OpCom to approve other no-cost promotion without further action.

Dave will circulate an e-vote: for OpCom to approve other no-cost promotion ideas.

g. 1003-7: (Q) Copy Materials for Next DR Conf.

Copy for materials at next DR. Re: the ADR Conference, we are having a table there for the ADR Section, a computer so people can see our new website, and handouts, etc. PowerPoint discussed. Need someone to commit to creating content. Dave, Steve and Lish will work on content.

Need people from board to sit at the table during breaks. We will circulate schedule and ask for sign ups during breaks. Rina will do this.

h. 1003-8: (M\$) NW DR Conference Banner.

Jeff thought he could get a reusable banner for use at the conference for under \$150 dollars. Consensus was that this was a good idea. Dave will send out an e-vote.

i. 1003-9: (R) Love dinner.

Lela Love will need transportation from the airport to the NW ADR Conference. Maybe we could help with that. Also, in the past Board members have had dinner the night before with the speaker. This will be on a Friday night. We will need to pay for our own meals. Rena will look into details.

8. Adjourn
1:20 PM