

WSBA DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION
Strategic Planning Minutes
October 24-25, 2008
The Sleeping Lady

I. Projects for 2008-2009

A. **Deskbook**

1. MOTION to rescind Deskbook Ascertainment Committee; seconded and passed.
2. Suggested: Preserve budget allocation and, later this year, release funds that are not needed.
3. Goals:
 - Direct to neutrals 1st; then advocates 2nd. Help establish community standards; look at various ADR forms; Editor: academic with practical experience
 - Year 1: Identify editor; select editorial board; determine focus topic, contributors; develop guidelines and standards; develop glossary terms for uniformity
 - Year 2: Deskbook delivered
 - Year 3: Revision

B. **Website**

Year 1: Fix bugs, database; provide legal updates; EC minutes; photos; profiles.

Content additions:

- Newsletter (go back & hyperlink)
- Resource links
- Sample forms
- Legislative Comm. Page

Functionality additions:

- Security measures to control access to members vs nonmembers
 - Optimum platform for maximizing functionality of website, e.g., listserv, blogging, deskbook, Webinars (on site), Wiki
- Data Base – add Speakers Bureau

C. **Education/Skills Development**

- Ambassador Program: Make connections with other sections to put on 1 ½ hr. presentation at their mid-years on how mediation can help their clients and enhance their practices.

- NW ADR Conference: We need to be involved with this.

Recommended that we budget for a reception and annual meeting for NW ADR Conference in May

- Brown bags: practice tips, practice building

Suggested: Brown bags and other programs should move around the state.

- CLE's: Co-sponsor with other sections such as Real Property Probate and Trust, Litigation, KCBA's Aviation section)

D. Newsletter

1. Audience: ADR membership, then eventually everyone in the Bar
2. Production: 3 issues in 2009
3. Each EC member commits to writing an article
4. Newsletter committee would suggest ideas for each issue
5. Goal: In three years, the newsletter will be produced quarterly in HTML format, interactive with website
6. Budget item: paying for jokes and cartoons

E. Legislative Committee

F. Internship Program

MOTION to suspend internship program in 2008-2009; seconded and passed.

Suggested: Make this an agenda item for April (revisit)

Allocate part of budget for intern to annual meeting and reception

II. Adoption of First Year Plans

MOTION to adopt 1st year plans as guidelines for committees; seconded and passed.

III. Creation of Operations Committee

MOTION to establish an Operations Committee for planning events; interacting with WSBA when necessary; interacting with treasurer; seconded and passed.