

# Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

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## **1005 MEETING** **MINUTES**

Steve Crossland  
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Mark Baumann  
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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

Adrienne Keith, Young Lawyers Liaison

\*By phone

Start time: 12:07

### 1. Review & Adopt prior minute(s)

- 1004 Move & Approve
- 2010 Annual Meeting Move & Approve

### 2. Modifications to current agenda

Added: Report of Education Committee: 1005-5: 7-e

### 3. Public Comments/Correspondence

#### a. May 12, 2010: Kathy Kline – MBB July 14 Peace Building Summit Flyer

Dave will post and distribute to members.

#### b. May 5, 2010: Toni Doane – 2010 Bar Leaders Conference

Discussion re: Bar Leaders Conference. There was a consensus that it would be beneficial for Jeff Bean and Rina Goodman to attend the Conference. Cost for attendance is \$125, plus travel room and board. MOTION by Dave Black to authorize Jeff and Rina to go to the Conference. Motion seconded by Courtland. MOTION PASSED.

**c. May 3, 2010: Bill Herbert – Section member expressing an interest in board vacancy**

E-mail forwarded by Dave Black. Dave will follow up with Bill Herbert.

**d. April 22, 2010: Joshua Sundt – Section member expressing an interest in board vacancy**

Resume and letter of interest submitted. Dave will follow up with Joshua.

**e. Lee Tinney and Alan Alhaddof** also expressed interest in board participation.

Dave will follow up with them.

**4. Consent Agenda**

None.

**5. Financial Report (Treasurer)**

Courtland provided a financial report. He just got the April summary about an hour ago. So far, our finances look good. Courtland believes that if we remain frugal on expenses, we can probably do a retreat this year in October. There was discussion as to whether an outside facilitator might be a good idea this year for the retreat.

Agenda item for next meeting: Jeff will float dates and locations for a retreat in October/November.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Interim EVotes: None**

None.

**b. Matters**

**1) 1002-1: Desk book Pace Discussion**

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

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

*(3) 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.*

*(4) No update. Discussion whether Desk book Committee requires new leadership. Courtland will send an e-mail to Heather. Toni Doan will reach out to Margaret Morgan.*

*(5) Courtland Report:*

Courtland contacted Heather for a status update. He did not hear back from her. Dave also made efforts to contact Heather, but no response. Lish and Courtland are on the desk book committee. Dave will also get involved. Dave will try and schedule meetings for next week and pick up the ball and run with it. We do not think we have paid any money to editors or made other financial commitments to date..

## **7. New Business (Reports, Motions, Motions/\$\$, Questions/Requests)**

**a. 1005-1: (R) WebComm report – Dave (63 online 18% still, added new members at 348 now, 320 as of 3-1-10)**

Dave reported for the Web Committee. We have 63 new members, but percentage of participants has not changed. There was some discussion as to difficulties encountered in using the new website. Overall, there was agreement that the website is an excellent resource for our members. Rina raised a question about succession planning and maintenance of the website. We need to make sure we have procedures in place to ensure consistency of website usage. Dave is encouraging all committee members communicate with each other through the website. This will make our activities public and help engage others in our activities. There was a suggestion of streaming video tutorials, or a welcome pack for new members on how to use the website.

**b. 1005-2: (M) Jeff to Bar Leadership Conference**

As indicated above at para. 3.b, MOTION by Dave Black to authorize Jeff and Rina to go to the Conference. Motion seconded by Courtland. MOTION PASSED.]

**c. 1005-3: (D) Jeff's Bylaw Amendments**

Jeff pointed out that there are no terms limits in the Bylaws. He recommended 3 two-year terms. Jeff wanted to float this matter for discussion and then put up for an e-mail vote. Also, there was discussion of shifting the annual meeting date. Jeff has posted communications about this on the website, in the ExComm section.

**d. 1005-4: (D) Dave's Bylaw Amendments**

Dave raised the issue of a Bylaw amendment to establish a process for removal of inactive Board members. There was consensus that it would be beneficial to make room for new members to the Board who will regularly attend meetings and remain engaged in Board activities. Dave will send out an E-vote in a few weeks.

**e. 1005-5 Report by Rina:**

Rina reported on the Education Committee's meeting with Mark Sideman. The Education Committee met with Mark before the Excomm Meeting today to discuss putting on a CLE. Mark updated the Education Committee on the WSBA's new CLE facility at the Century Square building. The facility is built for webcasting and has capacity for 135-145 people. The CLE Department will support mini CLE's, a ½ day, or full day CLE. Mark gave us his thoughts on surveys, as the Education Committee is considering a member survey to determine how best to serve the membership with a CLE program. According to Mark, only a small percentage of people respond to surveys. He suggested that any survey we send out be very short and to the point. He suggested we get as much information as we can from information already available. The question was raised as to how much information can we get from surveys and attendance lists from the ADR conference, and from our own membership lists. For example, how many of our members are mediators vs. litigators? Mark also indicated that timely promotion and advertising is critical to the success of a CLE.

It was agreed that the Education Committee should explore what information we already have before tailoring a survey. Lish agreed to look into what information we can get re: attendees to the NW ADR conference. Rina will consider a short list of what would be the best questions to ask for a survey, or other form of communication with the membership. Perhaps an e-mail to members or discussion on the Discussion Forum on the website should be considered in lieu of a formal survey?

**8. Adjourn**

