



# Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

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## 1006 MEETING MINUTES

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### Roll Call:

- David Black
- Jeff Bean
- Debra Synovec
- Courtland Shafer\*
- Anamaria Gil

- Rina Goodman
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- Paul McVicker\*
- Hon. Robert Alsdorf

- Lish Whitson
- Mark Baumann
- Sherman Knight

QUORUM

### OTHERS

Gary Nacht  
Will Herbert  
Josh Sundt  
Alan Alhadeff  
Sarah Bania-Dobyns  
Toni Doan

\*By phone

*Quorum? Yes.*

### 1. Introductions

*Visitors were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.*

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

- 1005 Move & Approve  
Motion by Jeff Bean; Seconded by Rina. APPROVED.

### 3. Modifications to current agenda

*Ana requested that we add the WSBA Fee dispute mediation program to the agenda. Dave added it as item C under number 8.*

### 4. Public Comments/Correspondence

- a. **May 24, 2010: Tiffany Lynch – Financial Mgr. WSBA – Budget Changes are due by July 15**

OpCom assigned to Courtland to propose changes, will circulate via E-Mail or ??

*Dave provided a status on the budget. Courtland will look at last year's budget. He will work on a line-item budget and also make room for a retreat this year. If you have a burning desire to make modifications to the budget or comments re: budget process, please contact Courtland Shafer.*

**b. May 27, 2010: Heather VanNuys resigned.**

*Heather Van Nuys has resigned from the Executive Board due to other pressing commitments. We want to thank Heather for all of her service and contributions to the Section. She will be missed.*

**c. June 1, 2010: Paris Seabrook – E-Blast to ADR members re: WSBA Section FaceBook fan page**

Dave & Jeff approved.

*No further discussion.*

**d. June 8, 2010: Mark Sideman, WSBA CLE Dir. – New Conference Center/Webcasting Mtg. 6/23**

What: WSBA Section Leaders Meeting  
New CLE Conference Center and Steps in Moving Forward  
When: Wednesday, June 23, 2010  
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
When: CLE Conference Center @ Century Square  
1501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 308, Seattle

*June 23, 2010. It was agreed we should send someone to this meeting. Jeff Bean and Anamaria Gil will attend that meeting.*

**e. June 10, 2010: Brian Halcomb (WYLD President –Elect) – Section Open Night – Oct/Nov**

*Jeff will follow-up with them.*

*Washington Young Lawyers. Section open night. This would be a great recruiting opportunity. A question was raised as to whether have a liaison this year. Adrienne Keith was the liaison. She is also co-chair of King County ADR Section. It was agreed that we should have a discussion re: who will be the new liaison for our Section.*

**5. Consent Agenda**

None.

*No discussion.*

**6. Financial Report (Treasurer)**

*No new discussion.*

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Interim EVotes: None**

None.

### **b. Matters**

#### **1) 1002-1: Desk book**

*Dave provided an update on the Desk Book Committee. He has reconvened the leadership for this committee. He had a meeting with Terry Foster, Alan Kirtley, and Margaret Morgan. There are 15 desk books being produced right now. We are committed to doing a desk book in some form. We could do an update of the old desk book, or something in electronic form. The form is still undetermined. There was discussion as to what process we should follow. It was agreed that at a minimum, we should circulate the table of contents to members for input. Also, the table of contents are on-line if you are a member of the Desk Book Committee.*

*Dave will send out a broadcast e-mail and invite comment from general membership.*

#### **2) 1005-3 & 1005-4 (Bylaw Amendments): See New Business 1006-1**

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

### **a. 1006-1: (M) – Bylaw Amendments (1005-3 & 1005-4 consolidated)**

*A red-line version of the proposed bylaw changes was circulated to the Board and visitors. After general discussion, a motion to amend the bylaws was made by Jeff Bean. Rina Goodman seconded the motion. All agreed. MOTION PASSED. The proposed changes will now be forwarded to the Board of Governors for approval on July 2, 2010.*

### **b. 1006-2: (M) Jeff Report On Bar Leadership Conference**

*Jeff attended the Bar Leadership Conference which was held in conjunction with Access to Justice Conference. Jeff expressed some concerns about the conference.*

### **C. 1006-3: WSBA Fee Dispute Mediation Program**

*Ana reported that she had looked into the Bar's program for mediating fee disputes between lawyers and clients. She learned that the program has been discontinued. Ana proposed that the Section consider whether it should respond to this in some way. After discussion, Ana agreed to obtain more information for further discussion at the next board meeting. She will contact Talia Clever at the WSBA for more information.*

**D. 1006-4: Retreat Planning**

*Jeff asked Board members to reserve November 5-7, 2010 (Friday through Sunday) for the retreat. We are looking into a Western Washington location. Paris Seabrook may be able to assist with planning. Jeff will follow-up and report back to the Board.*

**E. 1006-5 NW DR Conference Review.**

*The NW ADR Conference brought in \$20,000 in revenues, which will be shared with the UW and the ADR Section, after expenses, etc. This was an excellent turn out.*

**9. Adjourn**