

Public Minutes of Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D.C.
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2009
Wilmer Hale

Board Members

In Attendance:

Frances Brillantine, Immediate Past President
Cameron Gowan, President
Shannon O'Connell, Recording Secretary
Ed O'Rourke, Treasurer (via phone)
Tricia Peavler, Board Member
Emily Phillips, Assistant Treasurer
Judy Weiss, Board Member

Absent:

Matt Braun, Corresponding Secretary
Christine Ciambella, Vice President
Jennifer McMahan, Board Member

Proceedings

Call to Order

C. Gowan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The August minutes were approved via email prior to the meeting.

Official Reports

Treasurer's Report: See Official Minutes for details.

Committee Reports

Membership: As of 9/9/09 the Society has 578 members. A society membership seems to run around 550-575. Student memberships are up, rising from five to 15. Updated membership renewal notices are now going out; these incorporate the new language devised by the committee. Laurie Green will organize the New Member Breakfast. C. Gowan moved to approve five new members. Motion approved.

Arrangements: 40 people have registered for the Opening Reception to be held September 15th at Pepper Hamilton. The event will feature a tarot card reader.

Law Library Lights: The deadline for submission for the Fall issue is Friday, September 18th. Board liaisons will push out the 2009-2010 topic list to their groups and encourage Society members to write for *Lights*.

Legislative: The SIS submitted its goals for the 2009-2010 year to the Board.

History & Archives: Georgetown did not respond to the Society's suggestion of a practicum. E. O'Rourke will follow up with Georgetown next week.

Scholarships & Grants: The Committee selected two August scholarship recipients. T. Peavler will verify whether or not the May scholarship recipients have fulfilled their obligation to write for *Lights*. The next deadline for applications is December 1st.

PLL: The SIS held its Board meeting on September 2nd. A business research roundtable is planned for October. The SIS is looking into the possibility of arranging a group view of a WebEx program on law firm economics. For spring, PLL is also investigating service opportunities at D.C.'s Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library.

Federal: The SIS submitted its annual report to the Board. The SIS is still considering having a Federal Law Librarians Conference in 2010. The SIS will hold a meeting in November on Competencies for Federal Librarians. Roberta Shaffer is scheduled to speak.

Nominations: The Committee has been formed and is being chaired by Judy Gaskell.

Open Items

Opening Reception: 40 people have registered for the Opening Reception to be held September 15th at Pepper Hamilton. The event will feature a tarot card reader. The President will send a reminder of the event to all members.

LLSDC Holiday Reception: DC SLA & LLSDC will not be co-hosting a holiday reception. Trak Records may sponsor LLSDC's holiday reception. Kate Martin will host and handle catering arrangements for the event.

Goals lists from liaisons: The President will remind those groups who have not submitted their goals to do so.

Twitter: The President will meet with the PR Committee at the end of the month to finalize plans for how LLSDC's Twitter account will be used.

Old Business

Library/ILL Directory: The President will follow up with Jennifer Dollar about the ILL directory.

AALL Chapter VIP Program: AALL President Catherine Lemann will visit LLSDC in April. She will attend the Society's Town Hall Meeting.

Breakers Consulting: Jenner & Block will host the Breakers Consulting event on October 22nd from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. The President will notify all members of the event after the Opening Reception.

Changing the language of the renewal notices: This has been completed. Notices currently being send out incorporate the new language.

Website training: Location is being sought for website training. F. Brillantine will conduct the training.

New Business

End Foreign SIS: The President will put out al call to all members for a volunteer to chair the Foreign SIS. A chair is needed or the section may be dissolved.

Promotion to solicit new members: The issue had been tabled by the Board.

Professional Legal Management Week: The Society will not officially observe PLMW.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13th at Baker Botts, LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

Adjournment

C. Gowan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon O'Connell

Please note: These are not the official minutes. Any Society member can obtain a copy of the official minutes by contacting the Recording Secretary.