

Public Minutes of LLSDC Board Meeting September 9, 2008 at Mayer Brown LLP

In Attendance: Dawn Bohls, Frances Brillantine, Cameron Gowan, Barbara Fisher, Shannon O'Connell, Tricia Peavler, Abigail Ross, Roger Skalbeck, Judy Weiss.

I. Official Reports

President: The August minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: See Official Minutes for details.

II. Committee Reports

Membership: New members of LLSDC were approved. The Society has 624 active members. Nearly 300 members still need to renew their membership. It is likely that many are waiting until the end of the fiscal year before renewing. The grace period allowed by the online renewal system creates a situation where members can be expired but are still shown as active. The option for designating a dues representative and paying on a single invoice was more popular among members than had been anticipated.

Website: The ILL directory is being updated. Members will enter their own data manually. Updates will be solicited through the listserv as well as at ILL-SIS meetings. The committee may have to contact holdouts to get them to update their listings.

Focus Groups: The Board agreed to support Cindy Carlson's interest in restarting the Legal Research Focus Group. Each focus group now has a page on the LLSDC website. Focus group representatives still need to be trained on the website. Currently, the Web Committee is monitoring the listserv and posting notices of focus group events to the calendar.

Arrangements: The Opening Reception, a Viennese Tea, will be held on September 17th at McKenna, Long & Aldridge.

Nominations: Judy Weiss volunteered to fill the vacant federal librarian position on the committee.

Joint Spring Workshop: Abigail Ross is the committee chair for the 2010 Joint Spring Workshop. She will also serve as the Committee's Board liaison.

Law Library Lights: The Fall issue, themed "What I Did Last Summer", is coming together. Sara Sampson replaced Karen Lehmkuhl as assistant editor of *Lights*.

ILL: The SIS will hold its first meeting of the year on September 17th. The LLSDC Webmaster will be providing an overview of the website and the membership directory.

Foreign/International: the SIS still does not have a chair.

Placement: Library Associates is posting a large number of positions. LLSDC has one member from Library Associates.

Legislative: The SIS is working on the new edition of the union list of legislative histories. The old edition of the legislative union list is officially out-of-print. The SIS has the current data in Word format and exploring options for converting it to a database format. The SIS's next meeting is on September 22nd.

Academic: the SIS is planning its annual picnic.

Scholarships: Two scholarships were awarded. The next deadline for scholarship applications is December 1st.

Mentoring: The Committee has no current contact person, but efforts are being made to resurrect the Committee. Judy Weiss will contact Adeen Postar to see if she has an interest in leading the Committee. Cameron Gowan will provide feedback to the SIS about the leadership conference she'll be attending in October. Elizabeth LeDoux may also be a valuable resource for the Committee.

III. Open Items

Contribution to the Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship: LLSDC will contribute \$500.00 to the fund.

IV. Old Business

Associate Dues: Clean up is being done. Problems with institutional membership should be resolved.

Website training: The training sessions were well-attended. The Webmaster will provide more assistance as needed.

V. New Business

Bylaws changes: The Board discussed three possible changes: 1) elimination of institutional membership, 2) elimination of rolling membership, and 3) increasing dues. All three suggestions were tabled for the time being.

HeinOnline: the Board discussed giving HeinOnline advertising space in *Lights*, as well as asking Hein to sponsor an LLSDC event.

Jobline: Jobline postings will remain free of charge.

Enhancing membership benefits: Ideas floated included limiting the listserv to members, making meeting content available online to members, limiting Lights to members. The Board found all three suggestions problematic; no changes were implemented.

VI. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 14 at Jenner & Block.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon O'Connell

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