

Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D.C.
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Paul Hastings

Board Members

In Attendance:

Matthew Braun, Corresponding Secretary
Christine Ciambella, President
William Grady, Recording Secretary
Jennifer McMahan, Board Member
Mary Ann Keeling, Board Member
Sara Sampson, Vice President
Cameron Gowan, Immediate Past President (by phone)

Absent:

Elizabeth Ann Blake, Asst. Treasurer
Edward O'Rourke, Board Member
Emily Phillips, Treasurer

Proceedings:

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

Approval of Minutes

The prior meeting Minutes were approved via email prior to the meeting.

Board Liaison Update:

The Board members reported on their various committee liaisons. This is a summary of those responses:

President, C. Ciambella, reported on:

Membership Committee: The new member lunch will be held March 18 at the meeting time four people had responded, two new members and two Board members.

The Committee reports four new members have applied for membership. One is a student, one is an associate member. The Board approved the new member applications.

Education Committee: The Education Committee's sponsored Legal Research Institute is scheduled to be held the day of the Board meeting.

Matt Braun reported on:

Lights: Deadline is March 21 for Spring issue. He is still trying to get ads in it.

Matt has a suggestion about Lights and the website. He suggested that the Lights Committee oversee the website placement and aspects of Lights so that the editor doesn't have to and the committee also could liaise with Hein, in the place of the editor. Perhaps this could be in the committee's responsibilities for the next year.

There was discussion of new format if we do it in house rather than continue with a designer. C. Ciambella said we should discuss this with the assistant editor, who we are just assuming has been told that the designer will not be retained.

S. Sampson suggested we might just consider Lights to be an online publication. She also went on to say that the committee should consist of both the editors and "tech" people who would not get promoted to editor and who would continue from year to year, who could remove these burdens from the editor.

Nominations & Elections: Matt reported on the nominations process. The committee did a good job with the slate. The election is set for April. When the bios of the candidates are completed, they should be forwarded to Matt, for inclusion in Lights and for forwarding on to the Election Committee, Mike Gentile, Chair.

Sara Sampson reported on:

Bridge the Gap program will be April 8. All spots as teachers are filled except for patents. They are using private law librarians to teach it rather than academic librarians.

Jennifer McMahan reported on:

Federal SIS: good results from their brown bag with Blaine Dessey. They had attendance of 20. The next activity is their Spring event, Agency Day which will be at the State Department.

Official Reports:

There was no Treasurer's Report submitted at this meeting.

New Business:

Town Hall Meeting

C. Ciambella noted that the Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 4th, at Jenner & Block, 11th and New York Avenues, with Steve Mellin hosting. The visitor from AALL will be Donna Williams who will make a brief presentation about AALL issues. Then the Officers will speak about membership, treasurer's report, status of LLSDC, etc.

Life and Honorary Members Proposal

C. Ciambella spoke about the Life Members who have been proposed. Harve Sheler from Jones, Day has been found to meet the criteria for being nominated as a Life Member. Carolyn Ahern appears not to be really retired, as she is the acting Interim Director at Hofstra.

In regard to proposed Honorary Members, Justice Kagan and Michelle Obama have been proposed. She will check with Judy Gaskell at the Supreme Court library to see if Kagan would be onboard with this proposal.

Procedures for Election, post-nomination

The procedure post-nomination is for the Recording Secretary to collect biographies and candidate statements from the candidates. Bill pointed out that in collecting these bios two of the candidates withdrew their names from consideration. The bios and statements have been collected and sent on to Matt Braun.

Chapter Registration Award

C. Ciambella noted that on a rotation, AALL sets an amount of money aside for chapters to award to its members to defer the cost of attending the AALL Annual Meeting. This year the chapter receiving the award is LLSDC. She has asked Karen Silber to administer the fund. Karen had asked if this would require a different application form, but it appears it will be handled with our current form. Karen will send out an email announcing the availability of the award.

Withdrawal of the Assistant Treasurer

C. Ciambella announced that Elizabeth Ann Blake will finish up her term as Assistant Treasurer but has withdrawn from continuing on in the next Board term as Treasurer.

AALL Council of Chapter Presidents.

This group has a chair, which is voted on by the chapters, each getting one vote. Christine put her name in to run for the chair. The pool of candidates is Immediate Past Presidents of the chapters. Sara will send out bios of the candidates for the office.

Announcement:

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 12 at 9:00 am. The meeting will return to Baker Botts.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Grady