

Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D.C.
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Georgetown University Law Library

Board Members

In Attendance:

Matthew Braun, Corresponding Secretary
Christine Ciambella, President
William Grady, Recording Secretary
Mary Ann Keeling, Board Member
Jennifer McMahan, Board Member
Sara Sampson, Vice President

Absent:

Elizabeth Ann Blake, Assistant Treasurer
Cameron Gowan, Immediate Past Pres.
Emily Phillips, Treasurer
Edward O'Rourke, Board Member

Proceedings:

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 9:40 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 monthly report from Frances Brillantine was submitted by C. Ciambella to the Board. It contained the names of 2 potential new members. The Board approved them as members.

Education Committee: The Education Committee is set to hold its licensing program January 20. The honorarium for the speaker will be paid using the Peterson Funds.

Website Committee: she reported she had requested the committee to make a fix on the website concerning the bios of the Board members. The current link when you click on the name of a Board member is to his/her bio in the membership directory. However, access to the directory is not permitted for non-members. The fix would be to have at least an address and phone number where visitors could find and reach a Board member.

Matt Braun reported on:

Lights: editor is working on the next issue

Elections: nothing to report.

Nominations: Matt feels the nominations are proceeding but would ask that if we have any suggestions, to submit them to the committee.

Academic SIS: looking toward planning something in the Spring. They are open to being co-sponsors for events, if asked.

Jennifer McMahan reported on:

Federal Librarians SIS: ongoing project to do inventory of Federal legal materials in an initiative of Roberta Schaffer's from the Library of Congress. The next meeting will feature Blaine Dessy speaking on FLICC/Fedlink, scheduled for January 26 at the Library of Congress.

Scholarships & Awards: Karen Silber reported she had informed 5 of the 6 requesters that their applications had been approved.

Edward O'Rourke reported (by email) on:

PLL: Ed reported that they are going to sponsor a demo of the FedSYS system on January 21. GPO will only hold it at a depository library so it will be held at Georgetown Law Library.

Mary Ann Keeling reported on:

Mentoring Committee: she had nothing new to report. C. Ciambella noted that she did not follow up on the mentoring issues but would be in contact with the chair

Official Reports:

Treasurer Report:

E. Phillips was not present and no Treasurers Report was submitted

New Business:

Holiday Party: The Board expressed its satisfaction at the success of the Holiday Party and wishes to note this for the record, especially commending Pam Lipscomb and her committee for organizing it, and thanking Trak Legal for its financial support.

Online Ads in Lights:

Matt Braun spoke about ads in Lights. The last two advertisers we had were Hein and Research Solutions. Research Solutions cut all ads in print; Hein decided not to advertise with us.

Matt will explore online advertising options. He had one vendor who wanted to include the ad in the notice email (the email we send out to notify members that Lights is available on our website.) He can't figure out what their thinking is and will follow up on it. Matt also will follow up with Lexis, Westlaw and BNA to see if they can advertise.

He noted he has investigated the use of software to place rotating ads on the website version of Lights. He will speak to the Website committee about it to see if they have experience with ads and C. Ciambella suggested that the website might already be capable of accepting ads, she said Matt should email each committee member to see if anyone has this experience.

J. McMahan says it would be good to have something dynamic on our webpage to attract reader attention even if just to advertise our organization's own products. S. Sampson suggested using our own events as test subjects for the rotating advertising.

New Member Event:

C. Ciambella brought up the issue of the new member event. She wanted to know what we thought, whether a breakfast or lunch would be best and could we schedule it for January or February? Mary Ann Keeling voted for breakfast. S. Sampson suggested a "dutch treat" lunch. Christine said that in recent years it was a free lunch. No decision was made on this event issue.

Legal Research Institute:

Sara Sampson mentioned a question from someone who wanted the materials who couldn't attend. She said she thought giving it to them or posting them might cut down on attendance in future years. She posed the question whether we should sell them or post them in a secure location?

After discussion, the Board agreed to sell materials at ½ the price of attending the meeting. We would also mention this in the ad for the event.

Joint Spring Workshop:

C. Ciambella gave them a deadline of Friday 1-15-2011 to open a new account and move their accounts. Right now they are questioning the amount owed them, there is a question that one check was deducted twice. Emily will check into that. It should all be done by Friday the 15th.

Bloomberg:

It was reported that Bloomberg is approaching the Academic SIS to sponsor an event. In the past they had approached the Federal SIS. C. Ciambella said that our groups can sponsor vendor events if the groups want to.

Announcement:

Next meeting will be Tuesday February 15 at 9:00 am. We will be back at Baker Botts.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Grady