

SLD Minutes of Meeting on 10/20/2020 @ 1:03

WELCOME

Congratulations to Laura, who will be leaving her position with the FBA for other challenges. Melissa will be handling SLD until new person is hired.

MINUTES.

Al moved to approve minutes. Richard seconded. Approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard: when he looked at budget it didn't balance exactly to what was reported in annual meeting, likely the result of receipt of third quarter report with expenses and any new membership dues.

Laura commented that an accurate budget comes out to \$10,457 based on the report from National. A different number for Q4 will come next month, again based on income from membership fees and expense of the SLD.

It was suggested that the treasurer should keep a record of expenses submitted and make sure that is what comes out of the SLD budget as expenses, and to investigate any other expenses to ensure there is no error in the report.

Steven noted that there will be more activity once COVID-19 is conquered, generating more income and expenses.

MEMBERSHIP

We have picked up more members but a lot of people are overdue or dropping out. Our membership letter was revised and sent to member whose memberships had already expired, with links to national website to renew. We will get a new membership report soon.

BYLAWS

By-laws proposed age changes. No new comments on the pending draft. Richard moved to accept and the motion was seconded. Approved by voice vote.

Next step is to send the proposed change to the by-laws committee for consideration. They determine which proposals are sent to the next national counsel to consider the age change.

PROGRAMMING

Annual meeting: Went well. Training was good, but little interaction in "break room". CLE programs were recorded and are available. The next annual meeting will be in Miami, if COVID permits.

Fall/Winter programs. Steven: Proposals for topics include ethics for transitioning attorneys, Michael Taylor Tribute, FISA court, Judicial ethics. Nationally, we are likely to be able to present only one

program, and it is very competitive. In addition we can do our own programs for our members, but need advance approval. Al is the programming chairperson.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

FBA emailed John the latest report from GRC. He noted that it did not discuss the Presidential Order directing employers to stop withholding payroll taxes. No private sector businesses are doing it. Judicial and Federal Congressional are not changing the withholdings. Only executive departments are complying with Presidential Order. Will need to pay back payroll tax next spring. More senior attorneys not impacted, but junior attorneys may be depending upon their payroll status.

We do have a continuing resolution to Dec. 11.

Pay raise looks like 1 percent, but at present have nothing.

Question about resolution about reciprocity. GRC will consider, follow up if they want to take it up.

OLD BUSINESS

Mentoring taken up with young lawyers committee. Will be asking folks to sign up.

Senior Lawyers in Transition — working with ADR section but open to other transitions.

Awards: Would like to set up a committee to recognize senior lawyers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Lawyers Committees set up in local chapters: Al Jacobs reported that the Phoenix FBA set up a Senior Lawyers Committee. Understood that they were there to serve the chapter. Not tied into the SLD in any way and Laura expressed concerns that they will take membership away from national group. Phoenix doesn't change anything, which further diminishes the national SLD.

Committee Assignments: We can set up committees within SLD.

MISCELLANEOUS

John suggested that the welcome message to reflect current health crisis, that we are meeting virtually now and will continue to have virtual meeting options as we get back to normal as a vaccine comes out.

Steven and Laura: We need to send in bios and photos for the officers, and bios for board members/committee chairpersons.

Steven inquired about section leadership counsel: who is chair? Laura: Still unsettled. Betty will continue to be our liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman concluded the meeting.