

December 2020 Minutes

At this meeting: Al, John, Marj, Richard, Tammy, Steve, Betty, Melissa

November Minutes: Richard moved approval, Marj seconded. Approved, with correction regarding legislative issue (not all of the discussion was from John)

Richard: Treasurer's Report: No changes in expenses or income

Membership: Proposal is to send list to executive committee, and each board member will take 4 names to contact to see if they will renew, engage them about what would make the SLD more helpful to them, etc. Melissa will send us the new list coming out next week.

Bylaws: No update to age change. Issue Still with national level committee.

Programming updates: Still fully virtual through Spring 2021 for all conference and likely mid-year leadership. Probably September 2021 Annual meeting will be the first live meeting.

Fall Programs, including ethics. Deferred and began discussion of Executive Order under Pres. Trump which stripped senior government personnel off civil service protections. Should we, as a division, take a position? (Note: Steve Miller recuses himself on this issue.)

Began side discussion of a movement to have a uniform ethics requirements for federal attorneys (under Clinton administration) but states pushed back hard because of their interest in controlling conduct of attorneys. Federal bar rules are all over the place. There was a spirited discussion of these issues.

Return to discussion of executive order re removal of civil service protections from senior people. Resolution that the board should oppose the executive order.

Legislative report: John: still working on a continuing resolution. Looks like they may pass a clean one week resolution, then there seems to be some movement to attach COVID relief to continuing resolution, possibly.

Awards (Brian Murphy Award): For service to Federal Bar during their Careers. Al moved to create such an award. Marj Seconded. No opposition. Passed.

Mentoring: Steve strongly favors mentoring. Cannot have too much.

New Business: Richard & Betty: Presentation to Sections and Divisions Council and agreed that there would be a presentation by SLD re what we have done to prepare to reach out to lapsed members. Next meeting S & D council with all Section and Division Heads is Tuesday, December 15 at noon. Membership needs to be ongoing and engaging in a meaningful way.

Committee Assignments: continued, except to note that our social committee continues to thrive.

Steve provided update as to possible programs: Michael Taylor 98 year old resistance leader in France during WWII, accompanied by Shannon Taylor want to do a program by Federal Bar but CLE slots are taken. Prefer Zoom at 5 p.m.

Ethics for retiring government lawyers feature in Armen Kharazian and Ed Kussey.

Tammy Moves to adjourn. Motion seconded by several. Meeting adjourned.