

**Federal Bar Association, Section on Taxation
Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 12:30 pm**

**Steptoe & Johnson
1330 Connecticut Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036**

**Teleconference:
Call in: 888-439-7610
Access Code: 202 429 8180**

Attendees: Derek Berry, Andrew Brewster, Matt Cooper, Nick Gard, Laura Gavioli, Anne Gordon, Christine Hooks, Brandon King, Kandyce Korotky, David Lappin, Lisandra Ortiz, Robert Russell, Blaine Saito, Sophia Siddiqui, Andy Strelka, Daniel Strickland, Shamik Trivedi, Alan Williams, Annie Wurtzebach

I. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT (GARD)

As of July 31, 2017, the Section had revenue of approximately \$15,000. The Section's current account balance is approximately \$48,000. These figures include income from the 2017 Tax Law Conference and take into account repayment of a community outreach grant previously provided by FBA National.

III. CAREERS IN TAX LAW (JIANG/KANYER)

We held a lunchtime careers panel on August 2 at Crowell & Moring.

IV. BEYOND THE BELTWAY (KELLY)

A. FBA TAX ST. LOUIS (MILTON)

Tabled.

B. FBA TAX ATLANTA (HODGES)

Tabled.

C. FBA TAX DALLAS (WELTY/GLASSMAN)

We are planning our next event for sometime this coming winter. Details to follow.

D. FBA TAX MIAMI (KNOTT)

We are planning an event for the week of December 6 that will feature Judge Goeke. Details to follow.

E. FBA TAX CHICAGO (WELBEL/ANDERSON)

There will be a meet-and-greet event with Judge Nega on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 6-8 PM. The event will be held at Northwestern Law. A flyer will be sent out shortly.

F. FBA TAX NEW YORK (SHELDON/MARSHALL/SARDAR)

We are planning our next event for the week of November 13 or, alternatively, for sometime this coming winter. Details to follow.

G. FBA TAX SAN DIEGO (AGBAYANI)

Tabled.

H. FBA TAX BOSTON (HIRZ/MONTGOMERY)

We are planning a happy hour event for October 17. Details to follow.

V. MEMBERSHIP (KING/PISARELLO/RENSEN)

The Section added eight new members in August, the same as in July. As of August 31, 2017, the Section has 355 members, the same as in July and one down from the end of last year. We are creating a membership survey that we expect to send out to all Section members sometime late this month or early next month asking for feedback on the Section overall.

VI. MONTHLY PROGRAMS

A. TAX PRACTICE & PROCEDURE ROUNDTABLE (COOPER/SLONINA)

A) August Call

This call featured a discussion on tax penalties.

B) September Call

This call featured a discussion on Bitcoin virtual currency tax issues.

C) October Call

We are currently discussing topics for our next call.

B. YOUNG TAX LAWYERS (CUMMINGS/ORTIZ)

Tabled.

C. WOMEN IN TAX LAW (GOLDBERG/FEDERICO)

We held a networking event and reception on August 9 at Steptoe & Johnson. The attendance was good.

D. QUARTERTLY PANELS/WEBINARS (HOOKS)

We are currently working on scheduling a webinar for sometime in October.

VII. PUBLICATIONS (STRICKLAND/WHITCOMB)

We are currently collecting shorter, substantive articles for the next edition of Inside Basis. The 2017 Tax Law edition of the Federal Lawyer will be distributed sometime next month.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. TAX LAW CONFERENCE

We held an internal advisers meeting on August 8. We will hold an external advisers meeting at the Main IRS Building on September 22. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for panelists and symposia chairs this coming weekend and outreach emails to law firms sometime next week.

B. DONATIONS TO HURRIANCE RELIEF

FBA National has requested that the Section make a donation to the FBA Foundation to support hurricane relief efforts. We tabled the decision to donate until next month's meeting.

C) WRITING COMPETITION

We are preparing to distribute promotional materials for the 2017-2018 Writing Competition to law schools around the country. The submission deadline will be January 8, 2018.

IX. NEXT MEETING

TBD