

**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION**

Board Meeting
(via Conference Call)
Thursday, October 18, 2018

MINUTES

The following Board and Committee members participated in the call:

Whitney Sedwick Meister
Caitlyn Anderson
Catherine Cano
Jack Blum
Kathryn Knight
Tim Bliss
Phil Kitzer
Joel Schroeder
Jack Blum

Jim Hammerschmidt
Rebecca Magee
Phil Kitzer
Jose Gonzalez-Nogueras
Mary Smith Jackson
Angel Rey
Lloyd Isgut
Donna Phillips Currault

Absent:

TJ McGrath
Steve Griffith
Corie Anderson
Joyce Kitchens

Danielle Brewer Jones
Jennifer Menichini
Maurice Maitland
Patty Paul

Additional participant(s) in the call: Dave Acerra

I. Introduction and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. EST.

II. Approval of Minutes

After corrections to the draft minutes, Ms. Knight moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, from the September 2018 meeting, and Mr. Bliss seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Blum reported that the Section balance for the month ending August 2018 was \$65,096. August revenues were \$1,995 and expenses were \$253.

IV. Report from Chair

None.

V. Report from National

Mr. Acerra had no new information to report.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Publications and Public Relations

Mr. Bliss advised that the Committee has recently been constituted and he and Co-Chair TJ McGrath will get together to get things proceeding. He also advised that he will reach out to the people who have expressed an interest in this Committee and to others who have expressed an interest in writing for our publications.

Ms. Knight recommended that Mr. Bliss (and the other Chairs) reach out to the list of members who attended our session at Annual Meeting.

1. "Labor and Employment Corner." No update.
2. *The Labouring Oar*. No update.
3. *The Federal Lawyer: L&E Issue*. No update.
4. Circuit Updates. Ms. Anderson reported that, in early October, she received monthly updates and sent to National, so updates will be issued this month.

B. Committee on Programming and CLE

Mr. Kitzer reported that they are in the process of constituting the Committee for this year, and he has emailed old and new members. Anyone interested in joining that Committee was invited to attend its monthly meetings on the Tuesday before our Section meeting, at 3 pm Central.

1. 2019 Bi-Annual Labor & Employment Conference. Mr. Kitzer reported that the program planning is well underway. Mr. Gonzales the provided details on the location planning and status of confirming speakers including judges.

2. Traveling CLE Program. The session in Puerto Rico was highly regarded though attendance was lower than hoped. The Committee has decided to scale back traveling CLEs due to budgetary issues. There are 3 more scheduled events:

(1) Rockford, Illinois on Nov. 7; (2) El Paso in early December; and (3) one in early Spring. The reviews of the program are typically very good. However we're looking at the budget due to cost issues.

3. Lipscomb Event. Ms. McGrath was at the Lipscomb event that our Section was co-sponsoring.

4. 2018 Annual Meeting. No report on the joint L&E-NY FBA Chapter program at annual meeting.

C. Standing Committee on Finance and Expenditures

Mr. Blum indicated he was working on organizing the Committee, and he planned to address budget issues. See Treasurer's report above.

D. Standing Committee on Membership and Chapter Relations

Ms. Cano reported that, as of September 30, 2018, the Section had 1484 members.

E. Standing Committee on Legislation and Congressional Relations

Ms. Smith reported that she is new to the Committee, after which last year's Chair Joel Schroeder advised he would reach out to Ms. Smith.

F. Standing Committee on Executive Agency Outreach

Mr. Hammerschmidt had no new information to report.

G. Standing Committee on Employee Benefits

No report.

H. Special Committee on Awards

Ms. Knight advised that the Awards Committee will not need to address bestowing awards until year-end.

Ms. Knight reported that, at the 2018 Annual Meeting, the L&E Section received a few awards: (1) Meritorious Newsletter and (2) Sections & Divisions Recognition Award. She thanked Caitlyn Anderson and Jack Blum for all their work on the award-winning Newsletter and thanked everyone for their contributions leading to the Section Recognition Award.

Ms. Knight also reported that the Chair's Award was not available for presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting, but she announced that she was pleased to present the 2018 Chair's Award to Donna Phillips Currault. Ms. Currault expressed her appreciation to Ms. Knight and the Section.

VII. Other Business/New Business

The Ellis & Whitney firm's Marketing Coordinator has reached out to ask whether it may publish our L&E Monthly Circuit Updates on its website. Ms. Anderson has consulted with National, which would like to review the link, reserve the right to revoke that permission at any time, and to assure that authors are identified. After discussion, the Board agreed this was something to pursue and recommended that we obtain consent for this additional publication from the authors as we enlist them to serve as Monthly Circuit Update writers.

Tim Bliss suggested that the Board consider giving a 1-year FBA membership to authors or speakers. Mr. Kitzer stated that CLE seeks speakers from the Section. Ms. Anderson reported that writers are not always members of the Section, particularly when we are short on content. Ms. Meister indicated this issue would be further discussed and placed on the Agenda for next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board, Ms. Currault moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bliss and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 2:00 pm Eastern.