

**ELDER LAW SECTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 27, 2006 • 12:00 P.M. • STATE BAR CENTER

1. Chair Smith called meeting to order and announced the results of the Section Board member election, introducing as Board members: Mary Ann Green of Albuquerque, Dwight Hurst of Albuquerque, Bob Rosebrough of Gallup.

Section Board members present: Mary Smith, Rae Ann Shanley, Amanda Hartmann, Dwight Hurst.

Section Board members absent: Kevin Hammar, Mary Ann Green, Debbie Armstrong, Bob Rosebrough, Ann Sims, Brian Jennings.

Section members present: Dennis Felt, Lori Millet, Richard Stoops.

2. Chair Smith presented a brief review of the Section's 2005 activities and accomplishments from a written report prepared by Kevin Hammar, Past Chair.
3. Board members approved the minutes of the December 1, 2005 Board meeting.
4. The Board elected its remaining 2006 officers, each officer elected unanimously:
 - a. Chair-Elect: Amanda Hartmann
 - b. Budget Officer: Mary Ann Green
 - c. Secretary: Dwight Hurst
5. Chair Smith announced the following appointments:
 - a. CLE Committee and Liaison to Center for Legal Education: Brian Jennings
 - b. YLD Liaison: Micah Rose (reappointed by YLD Chair)
 - c. Website: Patricia Stelzner
 - d. Resource Directory: Patricia Stelzner
6. Board and Section members discussed several goals and objectives for 2006:
 - a. The 3rd Annual Section CLE will be held on April 7, 2006, with Brian Jennings coordinating the seminar and reception following.
 - b. Patricia Stelzner will coordinate the development and enhancement of the Section website, including the 2006 update of the Section Resource Directory currently found on the website. Members discussed adding a link to the recently-published *Senior Law Handbook* on the Section website.
 - c. Members discussed the possibility of offering scholarships to Section members who attend any 2006 elder law conference, seminar or CLE.
7. In the absence of Mary Ann Green, 2005 Budget Officer, Chair Smith briefly presented a 2005 budget update, reporting on the modest budget amount to be carried over to 2006. The Board agreed that the 2006 budget will be drafted by the

newly-reelected Budget Officer Mary Ann Green, and will then be reviewed and approved by Chair Smith, Chair-Elect Hartmann and Past Chair Hammar. The Board noted that the deadline to submit the 2006 budget to the State Bar is February 28, 2006.

8. The Board and Section members present engaged in discussion about possible Section activities for 2006 and other matters of interest. Topics discussed:
 - a. Medicare Part D, and questions about same. Members agreed to ask whether Michael Parks might do an in-service for Section members regarding this program.
 - b. The feasibility of adding forms or links to forms on the Section website, including forms relating to income-diversion trusts and special needs trusts. Members discussed the possible problems related to having the forms themselves available on the website without detailed instructions on how to complete these forms. Members instead agreed to add to the Section online Resource Directory a link to all New Mexico state rules governing such trusts.
 - c. In lieu of a more formal 2006 legislative update, members also discussed the federal Medicaid look-back period and whether it could increase to five years; the repeal of the state nursing home tax; Board member Debbie Armstrong's planned attendance at the spring 2006 White House Conference on Aging.
9. Members discussed and set the following meeting schedule for 2006, agreeing that Board meetings would be held at the State Bar Center at 3:00 p.m. on designated Fridays. The exception would be the Board meeting held in conjunction with the Section CLE:
 - * April 7, 2006
 - * July 28, 2006
 - * October 27, 2006
10. Following a lively and spirited meeting, the Board adjourned until its next meeting in April.

Respectfully submitted by Mary H. Smith,
with apologies for my inadequate notes.