

**STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO**  
**ELDER LAW SECTION**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2007 DIRECTORS' MEETING**

The Elder Law Section began, sort of promptly, at 12:15 PM. Present were Lynn McKeever, Tom Fitch, Kevin Hammar, Mary Smith, Mary Ann Green and Dwight Hurst. Attending telephonically were Barbara Michael, Joyce Anderson and Stephen Conn. Conspicuous by her absence was Chair Amanda Hartmann. However, the absence was short lived as she arrived at 12:18 PM; fashionable late as it were.

The bylaws are to be change in order that non-attorneys may become members. It was also decided due to the non-attending proclivities of the board that consideration will be given in determining if a quorum is present to emails, faxes or phone communications.

The election of new officers took place. Brian E. Jennings will become the chair. Dwight Hurst was ousted as secretary with Mary Ann Baker-Randall volunteering for and assuming the position. Mary Ann Green was retained as Budget Officer. Brian Jennings will remain as CLE Liaison.

The news blasts were felt to be fine and these were just as effective as the newsletter in getting out information.

Pat Selzner has been working the web page. Angelica will follow upon on that status and if Pat will continue in her position.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Mary Ann Baker-Randall discussed the status of the Elder Law Manual update. Volunteers will be drafted to help on specialized portions of the manual.

It was pointed out that there is a national guardianship website on which may be found guardianship forms. The Section can join without pay. It was determined that the Section will become a member.

Mary Ann Baker-Randall's motion to endorse the Elder Law Manual update was approved. Mary Ann Baker-Randall will take the lead in bringing this publication to be, brimming with pearls of legal wisdom, to fruition. An update on the project will be given at the next meeting.

Spring CLE will be April 13, 2007 with a social after the CLE conference. Several suggestions were proffered as to the content of the CLE conference.

Brian Jennings suggested Judge Richard J. Knowles. Deborah Armstrong suggested role playing, sort of what we do in the courtroom anyway. The potential of the scholarship payback at this CLE was also suggested. Lori Millet could report on her CLE experience. The CLE will most likely be from 1-5 in the afternoon. Dwight Hurst suggested that we try to get professionalism credit in lieu of the ethics hour in addition to normal CLE credit as professionalism courses are as hard to find ice water in hell.

Mary Ann Green reported that under her forceful but subdued tenure as Budget Officer that the fisc of the Section is healthy and proudly reported a carryover to 2007 of \$1,261.

Two scholarships will be awarded to CLE seminars in 2007.

Mary Ann Green agreed to work out a budget for 2007.

Mary Smith suggests some sort of a mind meld with the Bankruptcy Section in respect of CLE prospects. Kevin Hammar suggests partnering with the Health Law Section, i. e. George Koinis.

Also suggested was a legislative update; i. e. Pay Day lending (and I thought this is what I did for my wife twice a month) and the Uniform Power of Attorney. Debra Armstrong could report on the Power of Attorney issue. Angelica could report on Elder issues.

Mary Ann Green will circulate the new budget.

There will be a short meeting before the seminar next meeting on April 13, 2007.

\$900 will be budgeted for scholarships for next year.

As enthusiasm waned and as snores were heard from those attending telephonically Amanda Hartmann, acting very presidentially, brought the meeting to a fruitful conclusion.

M. Dwight Hurst  
Almost Past Secretary