

STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO MEETING REPORT FORM
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Section or Division: Employment & Labor Law Section

Meeting Date: April 7, 2010

Members in Attendance:

In Person: Greg Williams, Danny Jarrett, Victor Montoya

Telephonic: Aaron Viets

Meeting called to order at approx. 12:00 by Aaron Viets

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome by Viets.

Introduced Pilar Vaile, Pilar Vaile, PC. – section member in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from Feb. 2010

No quorum to approve minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Sponsorship Request by Multi-State Labor and Employment Law Seminar Planning Committee

Discussion regarding request by Multi-State Labor and Employment Law Seminar Planning Committee to sponsor event. Not asked for specific amount. Last year gave \$300. Our budget leaner this year. Revenue down. Budgeted \$3,800 in dues, but only collected \$3,400. Tony Horvat to provide recent total dues collected. Danny noted that typically contribute in \$300 range, similar to other states except Texas and Florida who have bigger memberships. Greg suggested that we can use CLE budget, since not normally used. Greg suggested a contribution of \$150. Greg moved to donate \$150. Victor seconded. Aaron noted no quorum to vote on motion.

NOTE: Aaron sent the motion to sponsor the seminar out to the Board via e-mail on 4/7/10. The Board voted by e-mail on 4/7/10 and carried the motion to contribute \$150 to sponsor the Multi-State Labor and Employment Law Seminar.

AGENDA ITEM 4: CLE Planning

Discussion regarding CLE Planning. Aaron noted that, due to our budget, we may look to section for speakers this year. Also, have ongoing relationship with law school, and want to keep as close as we can to scholarship budget. Danny understood that State Bar CLE department will pick up costs for speakers, so we will spend little or none of our CLE budget, unless we use it for a reception. State Bar benefits from live and replay CLEs. Tony Horvat confirmed that State Bar will pick up CLE expenses. Aaron noted that CLE planning committee met this week and is looking for someone with national caliber credentials, and that we are in good shape on the CLE programs.

AGENDA ITEM 5: New Mexico Lawyer issue status

Discussed New Mexico Lawyer issue status. Abstracts due 5/3/10. Aaron stated he would send out reminder to writers and will send guidelines from Editor. Aaron will let writers know who to send abstracts to.

AGENDA ITEM 6: New Business

Discussed new business. Greg stated that sometime in the next couple of months he will send mass e-mail to section regarding jury instructions. He is on UJI committee. Committee is working on new jury instructions regarding Human Rights Act violations. The committee is close to sending draft instructions to the Supreme Court. Next step will be to publish the proposed instructions for comment. Since they are new, he hopes employment lawyers will look at them before they are finalized. Aaron noted that this is a good use of the membership roster. Greg does not know when the public comment period will start, but it should be sometime in the next few months. The comment period is around 30-60 days. Aaron also provided an update on the Balloon Fiesta Committee. The committee has tentatively reserved space for an update on jury instructions, which Greg previously presented. Greg agreed to provide the update again. However, he noted that if the jury instruction process is derailed, there will be nothing to update. Greg therefore advised Aaron that 30 minutes will be plenty of time for this year's update.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Erin E. Langenwalter, Secretary based on notes provided by Victor Montoya.