

2008 PSWALSB Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 23, 2008
Hilton Hotel, Palm Springs, California
12:30 pm – 1:14 pm

Attendance:

T. Leigh Anenson, President
Adam Sulkowski, Vice President/Conference Chair
Eric D. Yordy, Secretary/Treasurer
Don Mayer
Craig Barkacs
Linda Barkacs
Barbara Crutchfield George
Willis Hagen
Charles H. Smith
Mark Bandsuch
Kathleen Lacey
Donald Harrington
Marsha Cooper
Mary Jane Dundas
Arthur Gross- Schaefer
Kevin Marshall
Melanie Williams
Terry Dworkin
Audrey Wolfson Latourette

I. Call to Order and Welcome

T. Leigh Anenson, President

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- b. Kathleen Lacey will work with some of the more senior members to fill out the list of presidents.

III. Vice President Report

- a. 2008 Conference Report
 - i. 34 participants – 20% decrease from last year
 - ii. Sponsors – Pearson and Cengage both sponsored the conference this year.
 - iii. Morning v. Afternoon
 1. It was suggested that it would be nice to have everyone in the same room and not have concurrent sessions – but would have to go to the afternoon but then everyone loses time.
 2. Afternoon sessions make it easier to convince the deans for money, but people want to have time off and afternoon sessions have been poorly attended

IV. PSWALSB Business

- a. Adam negotiated a 3-year deal with Hilton and thanked Arthur for his suggestions
- b. PSWALSB put down \$1,700 for web hosting and domain name on a 9-year contract
- c. Delegates meeting
 - i. Executive committee meeting will be in Palm Springs next year.
 - ii. Pressure to prove law review publications are real publications.
 - 1. It was noted that there is increasing pressure related to counting law review publications as intellectual contributions.
 - 2. The National Vice President will be serving as research ombudsman. The VP will help members and provide them with materials for faculty who are having problems with counting law review publications
 - iii. Cross Disciplinary Journal
 - 1. It was noted that it may be in our best interest to create a journal for cross-disciplinary case studies.
 - 2. There is a national case studies project. Connie Bagley at Yale will do a How to Write Cases at the national conference. There also will be a case database on the ALSB web site to members only.

V. 2009 Conference

- a. Advertising the Regional at Nationals
 - i. It was suggested that we have buttons for our 2009 Regional Meeting to wear at the National Conference in August.
- b. Membership increase and retention
 - i. It was noted that we should all bring someone with us next year.
 - ii. Arthur Gross-Schaeffer was commended for bringing a colleague.
 - iii. More outreach should happen to other universities within our region – Pepperdine, U of A, etc.
 - iv. It was noted that one other region has personally called deans and faculty directly to get increased participation. As a result of those calls, attendance went from 35 to 100 attendees. Incoming VP Yordy will get a list from Kathleen Lacey or Dan Herron
- c. CLE credits
 - i. Melanie Williams will work as CLE coordinator for next year.

VI. Treasurers Report

VII. Journal of Law and Business Report – Willis Hagen

- a. Thanks to Willis for reviving the journal
- b. Been working on the journal for 5 years, found reviewers, process for review, agreement for publication, got ISBN number, registered with Library of Congress, started publishing hard copy, double-blind peer reviewed, no fee for submission, acceptance rate = 25% - smaller journal that is more selective instead of a larger journal that publishes more articles, listing in Cabells starting next year – 11th

issue. Willis has a pdf of the letter stating that it will be in there. NEXT STEP – Westlaw, ILP, Index to Business Periodicals; Kevin Marshall has a contact with Lexis/Nexis.

- c. Publishing
 - i. online v. hard copy – some Deans won't count online publications because they are not "real" publications.
 - ii. One other issue – if present at a conference and there are no proceedings but instead are published in the journal, then they are considered proceedings – we don't have that problem because we don't automatically publish
 - iii. Size - printed now in 8.5x11 format. Window dressing only. It is very expensive to move to a traditional journal size. Kevin Marshall noted that he may have an option.
- d. TRAVEL – It was unanimously approved to cover Willis's travel as needed for the national conference for a symposium on the journals of the ALSB.

VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
 - i. Kevin S. Marshall – elected by acclamation
- b. Rotation – Adam to President, Eric to VP/Conference Chair
 - i. Approved

IX. New Business

- a. National Conference – Kathleen Lacey
 - i. Buttons from our region
 - ii. Research Panel
 - iii. Case studies
 - iv. Plenary Speaker will be the Pres of Cal State Long Beach who will speak on Ethical challenges in Higher Education
 - v. Special Event in the Long Beach Aquarium
 - vi. Encourage people to come
 - 1. There is going to be a link on the conference web site on travel
 - a. JetBlue flies right in to Long Beach airport
 - b. Executive Director – Kathleen Lacey will serve as Executive Director of the PSWALSB. Her responsibilities include
 - i. Filing the not-for-profit paperwork
 - ii. Keep some institutional memory

X. Adjourn

- a. 1:14 pm