

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2002**

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at: 5:40 p.m. by Stuart Rosenfeldt, Section Chair.

II. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Damon Kitchen reported that as of March 31, 2002, the Section had an account balance of \$157,410. Total Section revenue as of March 31, 2002 was \$33,705, whereas total section expenses as of March 31, 2002, were \$19,950.

Damon moved to have meeting minutes from February 21, 2002 Executive Council Meeting adopted. Cathy Beveridge noted a typographical error and requested that the minutes be adopted as corrected. Damon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the February 21, 2002 meeting minutes, as amended, are adopted.

III. Committee Reports:

A. CLE Committee: Cathy had no report, but stated that a total of 27 paid registrants are attending the Advanced Labor Topics Program. Cathy noted that the Section needed at least 35 paying registrants in order to break even.

Stuart raised the question of whether to collaborative Section/Stetson CLE Program, tentatively slated for Fall of 2002, was going to be a no-go for Fall 2002. Cathy advised that the program will not go forward in 2002.

B. EEO Committee: No report.

C. Employment Benefits Committee: Richard McCrea gave a report for Frank Brown, who could not attend. The Committee recently published an article in the Check-Off. Not long ago, the Committee had a meeting with 6 in attendance; it has plans to have another meeting before Section year's end.

D. Federal Labor Standards Committee: Alan Gerlach gave a report for the Committee. Alan reported that the Committee recently had a meeting with a retired DOL representative and that it hopes to have a meeting with current DOL representatives at some point, most likely in the next Section year. Alan stated that he has chaired this Committee for past 3 years and was interested in stepping down at the end of the Section year.

E. Individual Rights Committee: No report.

F. Labor Relations Committee: No report. Stuart mentioned that Robbie Miles had been planning a luncheon program for May which the Section had funded. Stuart wanted to know if anyone from the Tampa area could provide information about it. No information was forthcoming.

G. Legislative Committee: - Steve Meck gave a report for this Committee and advised that there was nothing of particular note which took place since the last Executive Council Meeting. Steve noted that the legislature's budget slipped through and that

compromises on guardian ad litem and healthcare (nursing homes foster children) legislation have occurred. Steve also mentioned that as a result of an Educational Code re-write, collective bargaining for the various state universities that formerly were under the hegemony of the Florida Board of Regents, will be done at a local level. Steve said to keep your eye on the occurrence of successorship unions at these universities as of January 7, 2003 (i.e., the day after the collective bargaining agreements currently in place expire).

Alan Forst noted that effective June 30, 2002, the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security would be abolished.

H. Litigation/ADR Committee: Sherril Columbo gave a report. She said the Committee had been having some monthly meetings. They intend to resume these meetings via telephone or via e-mail. One article had been done for the Check-off and another on ADR was in the works.

I. Long Range Planning Committee: David Linesch and Carrie Singletary were not present to give a report. However, Stuart reported on a letter from Dave about spending some of the Section's surplus funds before the Big Bar attempts to seize the cash surplus. Dave's letter suggested that we ought to use some of the surplus to upgrade the Section's website.

J. Pro Bono/Special Projects Committee: No report.

K. Publications Committee: Damon Kitchen and Michael Spellman jointly gave a report. Damon said that two Florida Bar Journal articles are in the works and that he will be stepping down as Publications Committee Co-Chair at the end of the Section year.

Stuart indicated that wants to take over the Florida Bar Journal Publications Committee Co-Chair position.

Michael said he's waiting on an article from Stuart for the Check-Off.

L. Stetson Trial Skills Program: Susan Dolin reported that Stetson has increased the tuition by \$100.

M. Judicial Education Committee: No report.

IV. Chair's Report: Stuart said there were two things to discuss.

A. The Section owes \$5,405.56 to Stetson because the September Program operated at a loss because of September 11, 2002. Stuart said that we are under a contract to pay this money and that the Section will pay this bill.

B. Stuart mentioned a letter from Walter Aye (see hand out) about getting the Section's website revised and updated. Walter's letter contained a proposal for doing so. Stuart put Walter's proposal on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

V. New Business: None.

VI. Old Business: The issue of the Check-Off layout was raised. Michael Spellman said the best deal for doing the Check-Off layout is outsourcing it with Kinkos. Lay-out will cost roughly \$60 per hour. Michael wanted the last Check-Off for 2001-2002 to be done by Kinkos in order to test them out. Michael moved to have Kinkos do the lay out for a price of up to \$1,000. Steve Meck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Susan Dolin. Steve Meck seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

Members in Attendance

Stuart Rosenfeldt
Courtney Wilson
Cathy Beveridge
Damon Kitchen
Richard McCrea
Susan Dolin
Alan Forst
Alan Gerlach
Steve Meck
Michael Spellman
Angela Froelich (Section Administrator)

Members with Excused Absences

David Block
Marilyn Holifield
Eric Holshouser
Kevin Hyde
Leslie Langbein
David Linesch
Jeffrey Mandel
Robbie Miles
Wendy Morris
Cynthia Sass
Rob Sniffen
Leslie Stein
Cathy Stutin
Allan Weitzman
Greg Hearing
Marc Snow

Members Absent Without Excuse

Neil Chonin
Walter Aye
Ron Rosengarten

Guests in Attendance

Scott Fisher
Catherine Kyres
Sherril Columbo