

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Quinnipiac Law School**

**Present**

T. Archambault, K. Baranowsky, T. Blatchley, M. Bonnano, M. Curran, D. DeRosa, R. Haskell, J. Hecht, M. Lucarelli, M. McGloin, K. Miller, L. Morizio, C. Nelson, D. Omasta, C. Perry, T. Richardson, E. Santoro, S. Scalora, T. Shah, J. Shapiro, J. Sklarz, M. Torres, S. Walsh, J. Woods-Weber, J. Weiner, M. Weiner.

Meeting called to order by L. Morizio at 6:40 p.m.

**I Welcome and Chair's Report**

L. Morizio thanked all for attending meeting given poor weather conditions, and thanked T. Richardson for arranging pre-meeting ethics discussion led by attorneys Anthony Nuzzo from Nuzzo & Roberts and Statewide Bar Counsel Michael Bowler.

L. Morizio encouraged all to attend Judicial Selection Program, organized by P. Das and committee, on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Hartford Club.

L. Morizio encouraged all to attend Gala, organized by J. White, on March 28, 2009 at the G. Fox Room in Hartford. J. Sklarz noted that it will be seven course wine dinner with DJ, with Jeff Hellman from Zeisler & Zeisler to be wine emcee. Early registration rates available through March 1.

L. Morizio encouraged EC members to recommend speakers for Distinguished Speakers Series, and noted that we must have speakers in place by end of February for program to happen this bar year.

L. Morizio advised that March EC meeting will be on March 11, at the Quinnipiac Club in New Haven, and the April elections meeting will be on April 7 at the CBA Law Center.

L. Morizio also encouraged EC members, especially those aging-out, to seek CBA-wide leadership positions on House of Delegates, Board of Governors, and senior bar section executive committees. He noted that CBA officers will attend April meeting to discuss these opportunities.

**II Secretary's Report**

J. Weiner distributed attendance sheet and draft calendar, and reminded that calendar will be updated at least monthly on CBA website. J. Weiner also reminded members to clear all events through him first, to make sure that there are no conflicts with dates. J. Weiner also moved the approval of the previously-circulated November 11, 2008 minutes prior to their publication on CBA YLS website. Motion seconded by C. Nelson and passed unanimously.

### **III Treasurer's Report**

J. Weiner reported that J. White distributed financial statement by e-mail.

### **IV ABA-YLD Report**

M. Torres and L. Morizio encouraged all to attend future ABA YLD meetings because they found programming and social events in Boston to be valuable, and M. Torres advised that her term is ending and someone who will need to run for a two-year term as district representative. She noted that someone will need to attend next meeting, in New Orleans on May 15 to May 16, in her place. M. Torres noted that position is funded through ABA and CBA. Next year's meetings will be in Birmingham, Orlando, St. Thomas and San Francisco.

### **V Directors' Reports**

Diversity: No report.

Equilibrium: L. Morizio reported that J. Strutt will organize financial planning seminar to be conducted at CBA Annual Meeting.

Public Service and Pro Bono: M. Torres discussed domestic violence prevention initiative, which stems from Lizz Acee's ABA service project, "Voices Against Violence." There are four parts: (1) reception in Hartford with Matthew Modine from "To Kill a Mockingbird," date TBA, to raise funds for Interval House shelter; (2) donation drive for Interval House at the April meeting; (3) roundtable discussion on domestic violence prevention; and (4) initiative, along with Women in the Law Committee, to train and develop network of pro bono attorneys available to assist domestic violence victims.

R. Haskell reported that volunteer judges are needed for New Haven mock trials on March 25 and April 1.

Professional Ethics: T. Richardson thanked those who attended pre-meeting ethics seminar that he organized.

Program Development: No report.

CLE: C. Nelson reported that Basic Practice Series programs have had significantly better attendance than senior bar CLEs, and mentioned that Women in Law Committee will have CLE at CBA Annual Meeting on topic of prosecuting rape as a war crime.

Senior Director: No report.

## **VI Committee, Liaison and Local Unit Reports**

Commercial Law: J. Weiner reported that D. VanValkenburg has organized a CLE on receivership, to be held on May 4 and publicized by CBA.

Criminal Law: D. DeRosa reported that DNA seminar, organized by S. Haupt, will be held in March.

Environmental: T. Blatchley reported that a CLE on stormwater remediation will be held on March 30.

Federal Practice: K. Baranowsky reported that a brown bag lunch will be held in Hartford on discovery best practices, and that the annual federal judges dinner will be held in Hartford in April, date TBA.

Workers Compensation: M. McGloin advised that CLE will be held on March 6 known as the "State of the State" on workers compensation issues involving state entities and employees.

Middlesex County: S. Scalora reported that a networking event will be held on February 26 at Public, in Middletown.

New London: M. Bonnano reported that volunteer judges are needed for the mock trials in New London on March 28.

Waterbury: M. Lucarelli reported that volunteer judges are needed for the mock trials in Waterbury, date TBA.

## **VII Chair-Elect Report**

No report.

## **VIII Old Business**

None reported.

## **IX New Business**

None reported.

Motion to adjourn by M. Torres, seconded by J. Shapiro. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Weiner, Secretary