

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 CBA YLS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
CBA Law Center
New Britain, Connecticut**

Present

P. Das, J. White, J. Weiner, J. Shapiro, N. Agman, T. Archambault, A. Arscott, A. Baron, L. Berger, T. Blatchley, N. Braswell, K. Burgarella, A. Cates, E. Conklin, G. Daniels, D. DeRosa, A. Drega, M. Dunn, J. Forte, E. Gianquinto, E. Graner Sexton, R. Haskell, J. Hecht, L. Hernandez, J. Janik, S. Kirkeby, B. Kirsch, D. Kletter, A. Knott, P. Lamb, F. Lefante, J. Lentini, B. Logan, C. Mahon, K. Miller, N. Moses, C. Nelson, D. Omasta, C. Perry, S. Rosenberg, C. Sanetti, T. Shah, M. Sheehy, L. Staron, F. Thomson, M. Todgham, J. Torres, C. Wasil, M. Weiner, K. Wilkinson, N. Yorio, S. Yoder

I. Call To Order

Meeting called to order by P. Das at 6:34 p.m.

II. Introduction

P. Das explained that the food would be here shortly and thanked everyone for their hard work over the summer.

P. Das introduced guest speaker J. Forte, who was present to speak on opportunities to market yourself in the CT Law Tribune.

T. Shah moved to suspend Executive Committee meeting to give J. Forte opportunity to speak, J. Lentini seconded the motion. EC approved motion unanimously and meeting suspended at 6:35 p.m.

III. Guest Speaker

J. Forte, publisher of Law Tribune, spoke about opportunities to market yourself for free in the CT Law Tribune by publishing articles in the special practice sections.

P. Das recalled the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

P. Das discussed how meetings will run this year and provided an overview of the election process for officers and the election of advisors to the YLS.

IV. Action: Nomination of Advisor

P. Das entertained nomination and motion to appoint J. Torres as advisor to the YLS.

T. Shah moved to nominate J. Torres as an advisor to the YLS. J. Lentini seconded the motion. EC approved the motion unanimously.

J. Lentini moved to suspend the EC meeting at 6:55 p.m. to provide EC an opportunity to get dinner. J. Torres seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

P. Das called the meeting back to order at 7:18 p.m.

V. Reports

A. Chair Report

P. Das spoke about the Distinguished Speaker Series scheduled for September 15, 2009 and reported that we are at capacity for the event. J. Weiner reported which supreme court justices will be attending. T. Shah reported which appellate court judges will be attending. D. Omasta reported which district court judges will be attending.

P. Das discussed the possibility of the EC putting together a domestic violence conference pursuant to a recent request he received. P. Das also mentioned a truancy project that a number of judges asked that we find volunteers to serve as tutors.

P. Das reported that the next EC meeting is October 7, 2009 and will feature Sarah Weddington. As a result, we will have an abbreviated meeting that date.

Diversity dinner will serve as our EC meeting for November.

P. Das reported that the holiday party will serve as the December EC meeting. As opposed to past years, attendance is required to receive credit for election purposes.

P. Das thanked J. Janik for putting together a master calendar of events.

P. Das thanked everyone for their hard work to date.

B. Chair-Elect Report

J. White reported about the formation of his long range planning committee for next year. He plans on having 2 meetings before the end of the year.

J. White asked if anyone is interested to let him know whether they wish to join.

C. Treasurer Report

J. Weiner reported that we have the final approved budget for the year. No money has been spent to date.

J. Weiner advised of process for receiving reimbursements and necessity of receipts and forms to obtain reimbursement.

J. Weiner advised that he is responsible for organizing the Gala and distributed a sign up sheet for volunteers interested in assisting.

D. Secretary's Report

J. Shapiro distributed an attendance sheet and circulated a copy of the YLS EC roster. J. Shapiro asked that each member confirm the accuracy of their contact information on the YLS EC roster.

E. ABA/YLD Report

J. Sklraz could not attend. The EC was reminded about an upcoming ABA meeting on Oct. 21 in Birmingham, AL.

F. Director and Committee Reports

1. CLE Director Seminars

J. Janik reported that there are 23 CLEs available for the year, and everything is on the calendar already.

J. Janik recognized a number of committees with upcoming CLEs.

The entire fall is filled up except for December 14. J. Janik reported that every committee is doing great.

The following committees were recognized:

Family law;

Labor;

Bankruptcy and Business law;

Health law committee;

Litigation;

B. Logan P. Magnano

2. Diversity

T. Shah reported that the Diversity dinner is scheduled for November 10. Wes Horton is confirmed as an honoree.

4 other invitations are outstanding.

T. Shah explained that this year's Diversity Dinner highlight's Sheff v. O'Neill attorneys since it is celebrating its 20th anniversary since trial.

P. Das further explained the theme of the Diversity Dinner.

T. Shah reported that no sponsors needed for this year since it is a line item in the budget.

J. Lentini reported that diversity panels are scheduled for November, March and May.

3. Professional Development

C. Nelson and M. Dunn reported regarding professional development.

C. Nelson reported that career panels planned for UConn and Quinnipiac.

C. Nelson reported that a career panel is scheduled at Quinnipiac in October on family law.

M. Dunn reported UConn has 3 career panels scheduled for the fall on government careers, public interest and family.

M. Dunn provided a report on the Weddington dinner. She advised that budget details are still being worked out, and she will need assistance from those that have offered.

C. Nelson thanked B. Logan for her assistance with the Quinnipiac career panel.

4. Public Service

B. Logan reported she is excited about upcoming soup kitchen projects.

She has enough people for the upcoming event in Hartford, but could use more people for the upcoming projects in Norwalk and New Haven.

B. Logan reminded volunteers to wear our CBA YLS t-shirts to the soup kitchen events.

P. Das emphasized the importance of delivering to the soup kitchens what we promised.

5. Pro Bono

R. Haskell reported that a mock trial competition is being held by high schools in New Haven. He said details will follow but will need volunteers to assist with the competition.

R. Haskell further reported that a pro bono panel is scheduled for October 28 at CBA Center. Statewide agencies will be present to explain different pro bono opportunities for young lawyers. R. Haskell asked for anyone who knows of organizations that can participate in the panel to please advise him.

6. Programs

A. Baron and D. Omasta introduced themselves.

A. Baron reported that the committees are split as to who will report to whom. A. Baron explained that chairs are to contact them if they have a program idea that they would like to put together.

A. Baron recognized everyone that was involved in Ricci event and discussed its success. All volunteers stood and were recognized.

D. Omasta asked for those committee members who are to report to her to introduce themselves after the meeting.

G. Law Students

E. Graner recognized UConn representatives in attendance. UConn had a great membership drive the previous week in which over 70 new members signed up.

P. Das reminded committee to reach out to E. Graner and law students if events are being planned at one of the law school.

H. House of Delegates Report

No report. P. Das explained what the House of Delegates is. We have 2 members serving J. Strutt and D. Krisch.

I. Past-Chair Report

L. Morizio could not attend. No report. P. Das explained purpose of reports. No meeting scheduled until next week.

VI. Discussion: Amici briefs and legislation

P. Das reported that as a section, the YLS may want to submit an amicus to the appellate courts in support of issues that may be relevant to young lawyers. If such legal issues arise, members are free to advise P. Das of the opportunity.

P. Das wanted to let EC know that option is available.

VII. Discussion: Domestic Violence Conference

P. Das opened for discussion to see if anyone is interested in putting together a conference on domestic violence.

C. Nelson reported that the ABA put together a similar conference in Hartford (T. Richardson). C. Nelson suggested that we may want to wait given proximity in time to last year's event.

D. Omasta reported that family attorneys in her office have discussed new stringent standards being applied in domestic abuse cases.

J. Torres advised that any conference we contemplate should not be a feel good conference, but a substantive conference on the legal issues involved.

J. Lentini reported marriage license fees are used for domestic violence shelters. Always an issue.

P. Das recommended a sub-committee to further explore issue, and asked for volunteers to see him after meeting.

T. Shah moved to form a sub-committee. J. Torres seconded. Approved unanimously.

IX. Announcements

P. Das reported that the CBA has 2 committee positions available for a YLS member.

The CBA is looking for a member to serve as representative on veterans' assistance. K. Wilkinson and A. Cates both expressed interest. A. Cates advised that he would defer to K. Wilkinson.

J. Lentini moved to appoint K. Wilkinson to serve on the committee. T. Shah seconded. The EC unanimously approved.

P. Das also reported that the CBA is looking for a member to serve on the civic education outreach committee.

N. Yorio expressed interest.

P. Das entertained motion to appoint N. Yorio.

J. Lentini moved to appoint N. Yorio. D. Omasta seconded. The EC unanimously approved.

X. Adjournment

Motion by T. Shah to adjourn meeting. J. Lentini seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.