PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION WC SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
1/26/2018

Mini Minutes

1. Executive Committee members are introduced. See, also, Executive Committee roster attached.

2. Review and approval of November, 2017 Minutes deferred due to illness of Secretary

3. Review of December Holiday Party. Attendance was good, and likewise revenue generation. Discussion that same venue, the Downtown Club, should be utilized for December 2018.

4. Philadelphia Bar Association Retreat. All Co-Chairs attended the 1/19/2018 meeting in Atlantic City. Discussion that Chancellor Platt’s focus was on increasing membership as the key to the Bar Association’s continued viability and relevance. Discussion as to restructuring dues to attract more young attorneys to consider membership. In terms of involvement and recruitment, Judge Seelig relates the Chancellor specifically mentioned that our Section remains a model for the rest of the organized bar.

5. Martha Hampton Luncheon. The potential venue will be the Independence Visitors’ Center, but this is pending Tracey McCloskey’s finalizing the details and whether the space would work. Focus is on one of three Fridays in April, 2018; date to be chosen in the near term.

6. Spring Party. Tentative date is 6/14/18, with potential venue at the new Yards Brewery facility at 500 Spring Garden Street.

7. Irv Stander Award. Advertisements have been posted; 3/23/18 is the deadline for candidate submissions. Administrative law professors at local law schools will be given flyers to assist in the search for an optimum candidate.

8. Committee Updates.
   (a) Liaison – deferred.
   (b) CLE – 2018 CLEs will include presentations on the Misclassification of Employees, Yellow Freight post-WCAIS, more discussions in dealing with the UEGF, and discussions as to new medical treatments to include stem cell and Botox implantation. Discussion, also, contemplated as to presentations on course and scope of employment issues. Noted, also, the need for a presentation focused on diversity and inclusion.
   (c) Legislative Updates. Opioid formulary bill has been re-introduced into the State House. HB 1840 speaks to re-establishing IREs, but with a lower cut-off line (35% versus 50%). A pending Senate bill would adopt the 6th edition of the AMA Guides.
(d) Treasurer. December figures not yet received from the Bar Association. Nonetheless, all is in order.

(e) Fund-raising. Deferred.

(f) Events – See above. Discussion of possible hosting of a reception following the PBI Practice and Procedure “bible event”.

(g) Charitable Events and Community Service. The January 2018 was the donation of socks for Saint John’s Hospice. There will be opportunities for members of the Section to serve luncheons in either March or April and one date later into the summer. Judge Rago relates that the Holiday lunch service that included donation of food for that lunch service was very successful. Accordingly, it is planned to cater as well as serve lunch 2 days to the men served by the Hospice on 11/14/2018 and 11/15/2018.

The charity for the Holiday Party was, as always, Toys for Tots. Donations were substantial and the Marine NCOs who were in attendance were pleased.

The charity recipient for February will be the USO, list serve announcement to follow as to specific donations requested.

Central Montgomery Technical High School (CMTHS) has approached the Section for a donation to allow students to enroll in the dual enrollment program. This program allows students attending CMTHS through the public-school system to also obtain college credit at a local community college, thus encouraging college attendance. CMTHS’s dual enrollment program is in need of funding to assist the parents in paying the tuition so that children from many diverse backgrounds can receive this college credit. Proposal passes to approve $2,000.00 from our Section, in contribution, but with our section first requesting whether the Montgomery County Bar Association would joint sponsor the donation for $1,000 each. As funding needed to be secured by February, the resolution would approve $2,000 if the Montgomery County Bar is not able to provide a matching contribution by the middle of February.

(h) Marketing and Communications (to include Web Liaison and New Membership). Judge Krass indicates that an article is needed for the upcoming Bar Reporter’s March edition. She also points out that our Section’s website clearly articulates the duties of each committee within the Section. Further the News portion of our site is continually updated. Note that through Tom Rogers of the Bar Association, access can be had to the Association’s approved Twitter feed.

(i) Arts in the Courts. Judge Olin announces that an insurance quote is pending relative to all paintings produced under the program. A panel honoring the artist will be placed at
the Arch Street venue. Lastly, the first step of lacquer preservation of the paintings will be accomplished shortly.

(j) YLD. All YLD events for the first half of 2018 should be posted shortly. Also, the YLD and our Section should be coordinating a joint happy hour. YLD plans involvement with Youth Court program and will be partnering with the Expungement Clinic and presenting its own CLE courses.

(k) PBA. It was reported that at the October PBA executive committee meeting, discussion took place regarding proposal to amend oral argument requirements before the WCAB. Discussion as to whether our section should take a position.

(l) Board of Governors. Per Judge Rago, this meeting is scheduled for February, 2018; report to follow.

(m) Of Counsel. Judge Michael Snyder asks that members of our Section look to the Bar Association’s list of general committees, as the enrollment process is very straightforward and members of our Section would be welcome. Admissions to the U.S. Supreme Court through the Bar Association will occur 5/29/2018.

(n) Diversity and Inclusion. Our Section will once again sponsor the Youth Court program. Discussion as to whether WC Judges may be shadowed by students. Judge Craig states that she has been discussions regarding students from Kensington High School “shadowing” judges from the Philadelphia bench during the course of their work days. Approval from the District Manager and the Director to be confirmed for this to occur this coming spring.

9. **New Business** – Judge Rago is celebrating her 16th wedding anniversary.

Meeting adjourned.