

ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS & SPORTS LAW SECTION,
Executive Committee Meeting – **January 24, 2017**

Hilton Midtown NY
New York City

Minutes of Meeting

Attending in Person: Kate Badura, Alan Barson, Jason Baruch, Judy Bass, Ethan Bordman, Judith Bresler, Brian Caplan, Cheryl Davis, Joyce Dollinger, Joan Faier, David Faux, Donna Frosco, Richard Garza, Laura A. Godorecci, Beth Gould, Les Greenbaum, Elayne Greenberg, Elissa Hecker, Marc Jacobson, Pamela Jones, Kathy Kim, Diane Krausz, Anne LaBarbera, Teresa Lee, Jared Leibowitz, Paul LiCalsi, Bennett Liebman, Judith Prowda, Robert Reicher, Steve Richman, Sarah Robertson, Steve Rodner, Desiree Santos, Andy Seiden, Barry Skidelsky, Innes Smolansky, Carol Steinberg, Irina Tarsis, Rosemarie Tully, Barry Werbin

Attending by Telephone: Jason Aylesworth

1. Welcome: Diane Krausz welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2017, and called the meeting to order. Diane introduced Claire Gutekunst, NYSBA President.
2. Claire Gutekunst: Claire took a few minutes to thank the Section for its work on the membership challenge and for the work of the Diversity Committee. She also, thanked the Section on creating great programming and on being active with brining Law Students on board and giving them important rolls in the Section.
3. Minutes. The official first order of business was approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2016 minutes. There were no changes suggested and the minutes are approved.
3. Chair's Report. Diane reminded the Executive Committee that Donna Frosco and Teresa Lee are the co-chairs of the Copyright and Trademark Committee. Diane introduced Laura Godorecci, who is a new member of the Executive Committee, the delegate from the Young Lawyers Committee.
4. Report from NYSBA Membership Committee: Rosemarie Tully reported that the NYSBA Membership Committee is looking at Sections to help increase membership through the Membership Challenge and encouraged everyone to talk about the benefits of membership. She talked about the NYSBA Apps including: Communities, Publications and Ethics and encouraged everyone to check them out. She also handed our ambassador cards with talking points on membership.
5. Budget Update: Jason Aylesworth reviewed the draft 2016 budget. At this time there is about a \$2,700 surplus from 2016 that will be rolled into the surplus from past years. Jason reported that the 2017 budget that was submitted over the summer was approved. Jason also mentioned that in that budget there was \$500 allotted for committees to use for networking.

5. Phil Cowan Memorial/BMI Scholarship. Jared Leibowitz reported that they received nine submissions and announced the winner were Annick Banoun from Georgetown Law and Kelsey Hanson from University of Buffalo School of Law. Barry Skidelsky suggested looking into see if there is an Association of Law School Elanye Greenberg suggested changing the timeline, Jared and Rich will look at opening the time line up to start earlier. Les Greenbaum also suggested reaching out to minority law student groups.

6. Annual Meeting Update. Barry Skidelsky gave an update on the Annual Meeting Program. First Panel: First Annual Television General Counsel Roundtable Second Panel: Crisis Management. There are 109 registered for the program.

7. Upcoming Events:

7.1 Pro Bono Clinic: Elissa Hecker announced that the next Pro Bono Clinic will be on March 5th at Dance/NYC's 2017 Symposium and encouraged people to sign up. She asked the EC to reach out to guilds and other art organizations to host future clinics.

7.2 CTI: Jason Baruch reported CTI will be on March 29 and 30 at the Ann Bernstein Theatre and that he was finalizing speakers. Jason also announced that he will be working with Neil Adleman from Harbottle & Lewis LLP on a program possibly in the Fall.

7.3 Spring Program: We hope to have Stan Soocher back in May and will work on getting other topic ideas. Judy Bass suggested Multi Platform Deal Structures.

8. Recent Events.

8.1. Annual Music Business and Law Conference. Rosemarie Tully once again reported that the event, held November 18, was a great success. It was overbooked, and we had to turn away people who wanted to register, including a number of walk-ins. The committee met prior to the EC Meeting and picked the date of Nov. 17, 2017. The 2016 is now online at www.nysba.org for purchase.

8.2 Comic Con: A conference call was scheduled with NYSBA's CLE Department and representatives from EASL and Judy Bass will take the lead on a program at this year's Comic Con.

8.3 Fine Arts Committee: The Committee is working on another brown bag lunch meeting. They are working on details for panels for the June CLE with NYSBA's CLE Department. Carol also reported on program with NYFA.

9. Other:

9.1 Fashion Law: Kate Badura reported that the Fashion Law Committee is looking at a program on the New Age of Fashion which will include topics on fashion start ups and legal issues in the new frontier of marketing. The committee is working on more content for the blog and doing a non-cle program on coaching attorneys on dress.

10. Legislative Update. Steve Richman spoke with Ron Kennedy of NYSBA on getting the ball rolling again on the proposed legislation exempting attorneys from the registration requirement for talent agents. Marc Jacobson made a presentation to the NY City Bar and they support our legislation. Les Greenbaum reported that the Erie County Bar is also interested.

11. New Business: Marc Jacobson suggested that the section should send a letter about potential funding cuts on the NEA and the NEH. Beth said she would follow up with Richard Rifkin to see if NYSBA has a plan. Marc made a motion to draft a letter and Judith Bass 2nd it. All were in favor. Steve Richman suggested reaching out to out of state members to contact their senators and to contact other Bar Associations that might be interested.

12. Adjournment. Diane Krausz asked if there were any further business. There was not, and accordingly, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Gould