



Hennepin County Bar Association

The Board of Directors of the HCBA Tuesday, January 12, 2010 HCBA Offices

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Jewelie Grape at 12:15. The minutes of the November 10, 2009 Board meeting (there having been no December meeting) were approved.

Ms Grape then addressed the agenda item, calling for adoption of the legislative agenda. Mr. Buxbaum addressed the history of these positions and the desirability of reaffirming these positions for use in addressing legislative concerns. Mr. Unger echoed the need to have such positions.

Upon motion and seconded, the current legislative positions were unanimously readopted.

Mr. Morris delivered his report. He spoke of the upcoming special meeting of the Nominating Committee to nominate a president-elect of the MSBA. He explained the reasons for HCBA action. Mr. Morris spoke as well of the HCBA efforts to support enactment of the judicial election/retention legislation. Mr. Morris spoke of continuing attention to judicial funding issues. He spoke highly of the Candid Conversation series of programs, organized by the Bench & Bar Committee.

Mr. Buxbaum spoke of judicial ride-along program and a planned Meet the Judges program on February 4. He reported that the CDP contract is in the County Attorney's office for approval. Finally, he described the progress of the Finance & Planning Committee in reviewing and recommending a budget for 2010-2011.

Mr. Unger reviewed the Call for Justice program, including its history and current fundraising status. Fundraising requests have been made to the largest firms in the city, with very positive results. A roll out to other firms will be the next phase.

Ms Schultze reported on 5 month results. She pointed to positive investment results. Dues are trailing last year slightly, but have exceeded budget. Membership remains strong.

Mr. Morris mentioned that Mr. Buxbaum will be honored for contributions to the profession. A dinner will be held on February 18. He encouraged the Board to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully,
Tom Jensen
Secretary