



Committee/Section Meeting Minutes

HENNEPIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
The Board of Directors of the HCBA
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
HCBA Offices

Guests: Patrick Kelly, Brian Melendez and Nancy Mischel
Staff: Larry Buxbaum, Duane Stanley and Paula Schulze

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Unger. He welcomed the honored guests.

The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved.

President Unger recognized Patrick Kelly, President; Brian Melendez, President-elect of the MSBA and Nancy Mischel, Staff of MSBA.

Mr. Kelly described the genesis and work of the Quie Commission, which has recently released its report. He indicated that the bar (MSBA) has not taken a position as yet; he recognized that district court judges opposed the conclusions of the Quie Commission. The MSBA will likely discuss the matter in April and vote in June at its Assembly meetings. He discussed the several options available to the Quie Commission as alternatives. Mr. Kelly sought the view of the board concerning the process that he laid out for consideration of the issue.

Mr. Melendez discussed the report and the included minority reports.

The President recognized Mr. Wahl, chair of the Finance and Planning Committee. He moved the adoption of the 2007-2008 budget, which had been discussed at the prior meeting. The motion was seconded and the budget approved unanimously. The President thanked the committee and association staff. Mr. Wahl echoed that thanks and praise.

President Unger then delivered his report. He indicated that the judicial campaign conduct material adopted by the HCBA is being modified to fine tune it, in light of experience last year. Changes will be presented to the Bench and Bar Committee and Executive Committee; Mr. Unger indicated the areas being rewritten. He concluded that discussion by noting that there is no assurance that the Quie Commission recommendations will pass, thereby making the HCBA approach to judicial elections that much more important.

President Unger indicated that the Annual Plan will be brought before the next board meeting. He advised that the Annual Meeting has been moved to May 24; he urged the board to attend and to encourage friends and colleagues to do so. Mr. Burns encouraged the board to submit applications for the diversity awards (law firm and a new individual award).



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Ms. Schulze reported on eight months' results, comparing last year to this year. Ms. Schulze answered questions from Directors.

Mr. Thorsen thanked the HCBA and HCBF for assistance to Volunteer Lawyers Network in making the Bar Benefit successful for VLN.

Friday, October 26, will be the next Attractive Nuisance Tour, at the Fine Line.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Morris

Secretary