

Administrative Law Section Council
Minutes
April 3, 1997

The April 3, 1997 meeting of the Administrative Law Section Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Richard Romine, Vice-Chair, at King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia, Maryland. Chair Val Cloutier had jury duty in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and joined the meeting later. Also attending the meeting were Nathan Greenbaum, Glenn Harrell, Barbara Howe, Susan Howe, Judy Plymyer, Paul Rodbell, Ron Schiff, Barbara Sears, Susan Shubin, and Robert Zarnoch. Other members not present were excused.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the February 13, 1997 meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Rodbell gave the Treasurer's report. The section council is within the budget so far for the year.

3. Committee Reports:

a. Public Education/Video: Susan Shubin reported on this topic. A screening party of the 14-minute OAH video will be held on April 1, 1997. It will also be shown at our spring dinner during the cocktail hour, and perhaps at the bar convention in Ocean City in June. Dick Gelfman and the rest of the cast were great. The graphics look very professional, thanks to Eric Delisle of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Susan has nominated the video for the best section project award.

There is \$2200.00 left of the grant given us by the Maryland Bar Foundation. It will cost \$5.03 to have the video copied, placed in a sleeve, and shrink-wrapped. We will have 300 copies made for distribution and allow \$400.00 for mailing. There will be no charge for the video.

Judy Plymyer and Nathan Greenbaum are co-chairs of the Video Distribution committee. OAH has graciously agreed to permit us to store the videos at OAH. Possible recipients of the video include public libraries, the Department of Social Services waiting room, other state bar associations, and OAH. Judy will try to arrange to have the video shown at the spring dinner and the bar convention.

We are hoping to develop a speaker's bureau to teach people about OAH; the tape could be used as a vehicle for discussion. We may want to write a brochure to be used as a study guide along with the tape. Janet Eveleth is planning to write an article for the Bar Bulletin about the video.

Susan will draft a letter for Val's signature to George Riggin with a copy to Chief Judge Bell complimenting and thanking Eric Delisle. Dick Gelfman will receive a special award at the bar convention's annual meeting.

The section council thanked Susan Shubin and Bob Zarnoch for all of their hard work. Without them, this video would never have been made.

b. Programs: Bob Zarnoch reported that the invitations have been mailed out for the May 1, 1997 annual spring dinner. Our section is co-sponsoring it with the Maryland Association of Administrative Adjudicators (MAAA). The topic is "Legislative Mushrooms and Agency Nibbles: The Court of Appeals and the Growth of Administrative Policy Making." The speakers will be the honorable John Eldridge, George Nilson, Esquire, and Carmen Shepard, Deputy Attorney General. The dinner will be held in conjunction with Law Day and the dedication of the OAH building. Judy Plymyer reported that OAH has mailed out 1,052 invitations. Val Cloutier reported that she has advertised the dinner to six local bar associations, the Attorney General's office, and OAH. We may want to call people personally to invite them during the middle of April. Barbara Howe will invite Chief Judge Bell to be the section's guest at the dinner. Judy will invite Judge Martha Rasin.

Bob Zarnoch reported on the June program. It is entitled "Trends in Administrative Law" with Jack Gohn and Bob Zarnoch as definite speakers; Judge Wilner has been invited, but has not yet responded. The focus will be on executive orders and environmental standing.

c. Newsletter: Val Cloutier reported on this topic in the absence of newsletter editor Jack Gohn. The new issue has been mailed out.

d. Nominations and Membership: Val reported on this topic in the absence of Patti Goldberg. Judy Plymyer will replace Walter Maloney on the section council. A vote will be taken at the Administrative Law Section's annual business meeting in June.

e. Legislation: No report.

f. OAH: Judy Plymyer reported that the OAH building dedication is scheduled for 4:45 p.m. on May 1, 1997 (Law Day), before our spring dinner. The light rail is expected to be completed by June.

MAAA currently has 42 members.

g. Other: Val reported that because we are within our budget (due to ordering prix fixe meals at our dinner meetings), we may have enough money to have a section breakfast before the June program or a section lunch afterwards.

Judy Plymyer said that Bruce Cooper, president of MAAA, would like to say something about MAAA (no more than five minutes) at our spring dinner.

4. Old Business: None.

5. New Business: None.

There being no other business before the section council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Howe
Secretary