

Family & Juvenile Law Section Council Minutes of February 7, 2007 Meeting

1. The minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting were approved.
2. Budget/Treasurer's Report

SIP checks due.
The 2007-2008 budget was submitted; awaiting approval.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. MICPEL (Vince Wills):
 1. Hot Topics 2/9/07 – 176 have reserved; expecting 200 or more.
 2. QDRO workshop plans were discussed, including topics and speakers. This will be a whole day program. Ideas include developing a retirement order bank. Timing was discussed and the seminar may now be held in May rather than April.
 3. Evening Series: The program will be designed for new lawyers, and we will present it again in 2008.
 - B. Newsletter (Walter Herbert):

The newsletter is out and looks good.
 - C. Legislation (Dodie Fait and Erin Gable):
 1. February 6: Protective Order Extension: Marc Noren, Barbara Trader and Dorothy Lennig testified on our behalf.
 2. SB154/HB 263 (Child Support Payment Incentive Plan): Dorothy Fait to do letter to Senate; Cindy Callahan has testimony for House. C. Callahan, C. Little and D. Fait to testify.
 3. HB 264 (Child Support Deviation Requires Review of Assets), HB265 (Health Insurance below the Line), HB266 (Child Support Actual Income Includes Voluntary Retirement Contributions): Supported unanimously

4. SB679 (children conceived in rape, adoption and access adjustment) No Position
5. HB422 (Alimony/Child Support Exemption from Collection) Support with Amendment
6. HB427/SB199 (Duration of Protective Order – 24 Months) Support
7. HB 563 (Change of Surname) No Position
8. HB 536 (Dependent Disabled establishment of paternity) Support
9. SB505/HB415 (Burden of Persuasion Domestic Violence) Support
10. HB446/SB607 (Wrongful Detainer and Domestic Violence Order) Support
11. SB223 (timing of decision/modification of child support) No Position
12. HB324/SB533 (Get bill) No Position

D. Annual Meeting (Marc Noren):

On the Judicial panel:

Baltimore City	-	Audrey Carrion
Prince George's County	-	Beth Weatherly
Howard County	-	Diane Leasure
Anne Arundel	-	Nancy Davis-Loomis
Montgomery County	-	Ann Sundt
Eastern Shore	-	Richard Bloxon
Baltimore County	-	Richard Henegan

Judge Friedman (will be moderator)

Marc Noren is working on the title. We have asked for Friday at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be at Fager's (Barbara Trader to make lunch reservations).

4. Old Business:

A. Groner Award county advertising:

Baltimore County	-	Stacy Siegel
Howard County	-	Alisa Cummins
Carroll County	-	Martha Sitterding
Anne Arundel	-	Erin Gable
Prince George	-	Paul Reinstein
Montgomery County	-	Vince Wills, Cindy Callahan or Dorothy Fait
Baltimore City	-	Marc Noren
Frederick	-	Keith (cc call)

Stacy will edit the Groner Award application and send it out to all of us.

B. Survey: it is on its way to MSBA for distribution.

C. Reunion – memo attached to minutes.

The date is April 26; 110 people estimated, \$25 per person, Barbara Trader to confirm that Savage Mill is on MSBA approved list. Motions made, seconded, and passed that guests may be invited.

5. New Business:

1. Special Committee on Animal Law: Paula Price will speak to the sponsors and find out what they are seeking from us, communicate with Dodie Fait and Erin Gable, and we will decide what position to take on this proposed Peace Order legislation.

2. Chart for Alimony: Can MICPEL sell just the chart? Shall we update it? Marc Noren will check.

6. Chair's Report:

A. MSBA Section Awards: Craig still checking on the rules; will report back.

7. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

8. Next meeting is 6 p.m. on March 14, 2007 at Greystone Grill in Ellicott City (www.greystonegrill.com).

ATTENDEES:

Stacy Siegel, Chair
Marc Noren, Chair Elect
Cindy Callahan, Secretary
Barbara Trader, Immediate Past Chair
Ron Bergman
Alisa Cummins
Jennifer Dill
Dodie Fait
Erin Gable
Irwin Goldberg
Craig J. Little
Dorothy Lennig
Paula Price
Martha Sitterding
Vince Wills
Paul Reinstein, Past Chair
Barry Dalnekoff, Past Chair
Delegate Kathleen Dumais (guest)