



Minutes of March Meeting of Women and the Law Section
State Bar of Texas
August 19, 2020 Teleconference

Teresa Schiller, Chair, called the August 19th board meeting of the Women and the Law Section to order at 12:00 P.M., after it was determined that a quorum was present.

Council members in attendance via telephone or video: Teresa Schiller, Betsy Johnson, Nikki Chargois-Allen, Leigh Goodson, Denise Alex, Ellis Iverson, Lindsay Owens, Deborah Cordova, Kirby Drake, Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza, Susan Kelly, Deborah Race.

Guests in attendance via telephone or video: Amy Welborn, Lyndsay Smith, Dori Kornfeld Goldman, Diana Ramirez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of a July 16, 2020 meeting via email, which had been previously emailed to the Council for review, was presented. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

The minutes of a July 28, 2020 teleconference/videoconference, which had been previously emailed to the Council for review, were presented. A motion was made to approve, seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

STATE BAR ORIENTATION FOR SECTION CHAIRS AND TREASURERS

SBOT held a virtual four-hour training section for chairs, officers and treasurers. Teresa Schiller and Natasha Martinez attended for the section. Teresa shared training information about publicizing events and the need for the State Bar to approve section contracts.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE'S PLAN

Ellis Iverson, Vice-Chair/Membership, presented information concerning the proposed style and format of the newsletter. Lyndsay Smith, our Sections Department liaison, stated that she is willing to design the newsletter template at no additional cost to the section. A motion to approve the newsletter plan in concept was passed unanimously.

Ellis, Lyndsay, and Teresa reported that, if a new logo is needed, the Graphics Department could design it at a cost of approximately \$250.00. A motion was made to pay the Graphics Department up to \$300.00, and it passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S PLAN

Denise Alex, Vice-Chair/Membership, and Dori Kornfeld Goldman, Membership Committee Co-Chair presented a membership plan that outlined a number of initiatives, including a program to encourage members to purchase annual memberships as gifts for other attorneys. A motion was made to approve the proposed membership plan in concept, and it passed unanimously.

SURVEY MONKEY SUBSCRIPTION

Ellis and Teresa proposed that the section obtain a Survey Monkey subscription for use in connection with survey questions published in the section's newsletter. The cost of a 1-year subscription for Survey Monkey Team Advantage (Business Plan) would be approximately \$300 before taxes. A motion was made to approve an expenditure of \$350 for the subscription, and it carried unanimously.

ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION

Teresa proposed that the section obtain a Zoom subscription for use in hosting monthly business development workshops. The cost of a 1-year subscription for Zoom would be approximately \$150 before taxes. A motion was made to approve an expenditure of \$200 for the subscription, and it carried unanimously.

HISPANIC ISSUES SECTION LAWTERIA SPONSORSHIP

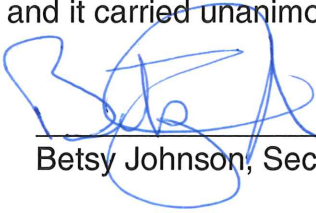
Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza and Teresa informed the board of an upcoming Hispanic Issues Section event called LAWteria. The event is a fundraiser for Texas legal aid societies helping people severely impacted by COVID-19. The group discussed ways of supporting the initiative, including making a contribution and helping to publicize the event.

STATE BAR'S ACTIONS REGARDING PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Teresa provided an update regarding the State Bar's actions regarding certain comments made by the State Bar president. She stated that the State Bar Task Force

on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has been created. The task force has a dedicated spot for a section member, and Leigh Goodson, chair-elect, has agreed to serve in this role.

A motion was made to adjourn, and it carried unanimously.



Betsy Johnson, Secretary