

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Women and the Law Section  
Of the State Bar of Texas, June 25, 2005  
Dallas, Texas

Mara Blatt called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees, inviting everyone to have refreshments. She recognized special guests from the State Bar, including John Edwards, executive director; Julene Franki, outgoing director of TexasBar CLE; Tom Godbold, board chair; Demetrius K. Bivins, board member; and John Ritter, spouse of president-elect Martha Dickie. Ms. Blatt explained that excused absences were given to Teresa Oxford, D'Metria Benson, Avo Stevens Butler, Collyn Peddie, Melissa Dorman, and Chantell Crews. Attachment A is a listing of the Section's officers and council who attended the meeting.

Carolyn F. Moore moved, with a second from Judy L. Ney, the approval of the Minutes of the 2004 annual meeting. The motion passed. The minutes are Attachment B.

Ralph H. Brock presented the treasurer's report, explaining that the Section has \$4964.38 in the bank. The report (Attachment C) was accepted.

Ralph H. Brock moved, with a second from Tonya Carter, to have a one-year non-voting emeritus position on the Section's council. The motion passed. Judy L. Ney was nominated for the position and elected by a unanimous vote.

Mara Blatt presented the Nominations Committee's Slate of Nominations (Attachment D) for the Section. Ralph H. Brock moved, with a second from Judy L. Ney, to accept and approve the slate of nominees. The motion passed.

Mara Blatt showed a copy of the plaque that the officers and council will present to Teresa Oxford for her work as chair of the section during the year. She then presented two Chair's awards to Leo Ney and Al Harrison, explaining how much the officers and council have appreciated all of the work both of the men have done for the Section during the past years. Both men expressed sincere thanks for the awards.

Mara Blatt presented the Ma'at Justice Award to Ronnie Harrison, commenting that Ms. Harrison has worked diligently for 15 years on the council and has been the leader in fundraising done by the Section for the Women's Advocacy Project. Ms. Harrison accepted the award, giving a gracious speech.

Mara Blatt presented the Sarah T. Hughes Award to Pauline Higgins, Houston attorney and member of the State Bar Board of Directors. Ms. Higgins accepted the award, giving a gracious speech.

Ms. Blatt reminded attendees that the Section's continuing legal education program at the State Bar Annual Meeting this year would be a collaborative effort with five other sections (African American Lawyers Section, Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section, Municipal Judges Section, Health Law Section, and American

Indian Law Section). She said that the program would be on Organ Donation and the Texas Anatomical Gift Act: Legal and Cultural Contexts. She requested members and guests attend the meeting, which would begin at 10:00 A.M. in a nearby room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn F. Moore, Secretary  
August 20, 2005