

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Women and the Law Section
Of the State Bar of Texas, June 16, 2006
Austin, Texas

Mara Blatt called the meeting to order and welcomed approximately 50 attendees including officers and members of the council (a complete listing of officers and board members is attached), and award winners with their families and friends. She recognized and thanked Jenna Brown, Legal Video Specialist with DVS Legal Technology Solutions who agreed to volunteer services in taping the presentation of the Section's awards and continuing legal education seminar. The DVS office is located at 510 South Congress Avenue, Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78704.

Ms. Blatt presented the 2006 Sarah T. Hughes Women of Achievement Award to Judge Barbara Lynn, giving details of Judge Lynn's accomplishments before and after being appointed as a federal judge in Dallas. Judge Lynn, whose family attended the ceremony with her, graciously accepted the award and spoke of her gratitude in receiving the award, giving praise to the work and commitment of the late Sarah T. Hughes.

Ms. Blatt presented the 2006 Ma'at Justice Award to Sheila Enid Cheaney, executive director of Jane's Due Process. In accepting the award, Ms. Cheaney showed a video that she and Molly Ivins taped that showed the importance of Ma'at Justice and the work of women who have followed her.

Ms. Blatt then introduced the speakers for the Section's continuing legal education seminar entitled Women and Their Health: Five Top Legal Issues Women Must Know. The speakers were Martha Medrano, M.D.; Pam Otto, M.D.; Corinne Smith, J.D., M.H.A.; Graciela Cigarroa, J.D.; Dana Garay, R.N., J.D. Ms. Blatt also moderated the panel discussion of the speakers, asking questions concerning screenings and treatments for cancer, including payments for reconstructive surgery. In answering the questions, the panelists discussed access to medical information, standards set by Medicare, evidence based medicine, physician's role in advocating for patients, and drugs that are alternative, experimental, or complimentary.

After the seminar presentation, Ms. Blatt called for the Secretary's report. Ms. Moore provided copies to attendees of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, June 25, 2005 in Dallas Texas and of the Minutes of the Women and the Law Section Council Meeting of April 8, 2006 in Austin, Texas. She explained that the Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting had previously been approved by the Council but could be approved again by the general membership. Ms. Dorman moved, with a second from Ms. Carter, to approve both sets of minutes. The motion passed.

Mr. Brock presented the Treasurer's Report, stating that as of June 16, 2006, the Section's treasury has \$7892.56 plus the money collected for the sale of the Section's Ma'at Justice t-shirts. His report was accepted.

Ms. Blatt complimented the work of everyone who worked on designing, printing, and selling the t-shirts, giving special praise to Ms. Carter who did the bulk of the work on the t-shirts.

Ms. Blatt presented the Slate of Officers as presented by the Nominations Committee and asked for other nominations. No other nominations were made. Ms. Dorman moved, with a second from Irene Jackson, Section member and former Section chair (then called president) to approve the slate. The motion passed.

Ms. Samaniego, newly elected chair, presented Ms. Blatt with a gift, a crystal ice bucket with an atlas on it, from Tiffany's. Ms. Blatt expressed tremendous pleasure in receiving such a nice gift. She also said that she appreciated working with all of the officers and council members, giving special recognition to the Council of Elders, identified as Ralph H. Brock, Judy L. Ney, and Carolyn F. Moore, who offered advice to her when she had questions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn F. Moore
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