

WOMEN AND THE LAW MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2014

Overton Hotel & Conference Center, Lubbock, Texas

In conjunction with the Texas Tech Alumni Gala, honoring Carolyn Moore, and Ralph Brock, and a networking breakfast of woman law students and lawyers from Texas Tech.

In person: Melissa Dorman, Carolyn Moore, Andrea Johnson, Ronnie Harrison, Judy Ney, and Tracy Nichols (State Bar Sections).

By telephone: Deborah Race, Kimberlee Cagle, and Angelia Webster.

- I. Call to Order: Chair, Melissa Dorman called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
- II. Minutes from the January 11, 2014 meeting were approved, with minor revisions.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Andrea Johnson reported that our balance is \$17,218.34. There was a short report stating that our website expenses are more, and our travel budget has been nearly exhausted. Hence there is a \$300 per person travel budget for today's meeting. The new budget will have categories for "state bar meeting" and "others". The treasurer's report was approved.
- IV. Committee Reports:

Awards: Ronnie Harrison reported that she will do an eblast through Tracy Nichols/State Bar to ask for nominations. Deadline for submission for our awards is April 1, 2014 (Subject to change).

Membership: Melisa Dorman reported that there are 666 members of the section. We cannot change dues this year as it is too late. It will be submitted and consisted for next year.

Miscellaneous: Andrea Johnson will do an article about Carolyn Moore and Ralph Brock receiving Texas Tech awards for the newsletter and website. Carolyn Moore was thanked for being the hostess at the previous night event. Melissa Dorman discussed that we need to review our by-laws to reflect a dues change to \$25.00 and an addition of a position for awards. This was voted on and passed. Melissa Dorman also reported that she manned a table at the TWL event last week in Dallas.

- V. New Business:
 - A. Section Meeting at State Bar Annual Meeting (Austin, Hilton and Austin Convention Center, June 26-27, 2014): Nora Bryant and the chair of the Health Law section are working together for the presentation: Implementation and Effects of the Affordable Health Care Act. Breakfast will be served on Friday June 27, 2014, before the section meeting. Contact person at the State Bar is Caren Blackwell. Melissa Dorman will be contacting the Travis Bar to help.

- B. WAL Slate-Nora Bryant will be working on it via email.
 - C. Mentoring efforts: Melisa Dorman reported that only one or two people have been connected.
 - D. Other Announcements: There is a petition for a new Section: Legislative & Election Law (Lobby Law). The deadline if the Section has any Legislative proposals is July 1, 2014.
- VI. Future meeting announced: **Thursday, May 22, 2014** at 4:00 pm, by telephone.
- VII. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.