Minutes of November 13, 2014 Meeting of Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

Having determined a quorum was present, Nora Bryant, Chair, called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. on November 13, 2014. Annie McAdams, Chelsie Garza, Deborah Cordova, Deborah Race, Elizabeth von Kreisler, JoAl Cannon Sheridan, Melissa Dorman, Nikki Chargois-Allen, Stephanie Gonzales, and Carolyn F. Moore called in to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Carolyn F. Moore with a second by Deborah Race, the minutes of the September 13, 2014 minutes were approved, changing the word "plague "to "plaque" in the paragraph concerning *Acceptance of Treasurer's Report*.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Ney, treasurer, sent a report indicating the Section received an additional $1,720.00 in dues.

Nora Bryant said that the Section has a budget and with the additional dues, the Section has met its goal of income for the year.

Membership Report

Stephanie Gonzalez said that Luke with the State Bar will send out an e-blast reminder to those people who have not yet renewed membership this year.

Communications

Nora Bryant said that Angela Webster has requested information for the newsletter be sent to her by Friday, November 21, 2014. Nora will talk with Angela about updating the Section's web site.

Chronology

Deborah Cordova said she should have a proposal to present at the next meeting on ways to preserve information on what the Section has done.

Annual Meeting

Chelsie Garza said that the Section's Annual Meeting will be in San Antonio. The reception will be on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. and the continuing legal education program will be a panel discussion on *Unconscious Bias* on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. The Section will have its business meeting after the CLE.

Chelsie and Nora will ask the Bexar County Women's Bar to co-sponsor the reception. Chelsie said several attorneys, including Carmen Samaniego, are helping her contact judges and lawyers to be on the panel. Deborah Race will ask Hilda Galvan of Jones Day to be one of the panelists. JoAl Cannon Sheridan also suggested the names of several people to be contacted as possible panelists.

Nora said the budget for the meeting is $3,500.00.

Linked In

Nora is working toward the goal of opening *Linked In* to all members of the Section and she is also working on new brochures that describe the Section.

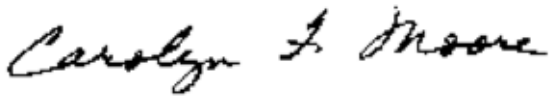
Next Meeting on February 6 and 7, 2015 in Houston

Nora said that our next meeting will be at the same time the ABA will have its mid-winter meeting in Houston. Melissa Dorman will reserve a meeting room for the meeting at her Houston office which is near the Galleria. She will also try to get a discount rate at the Omni which is near her office. She will send that information to the Section by next week.

Officers and Council members will have a dinner meeting on Friday, February 6 (location to be decided later) and a meeting on Saturday, February 7.

Upon motion by Deborah Race and second by Jo Al Cannon Sheridan, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November, 2014,



Carolyn F. Moore
Secretary