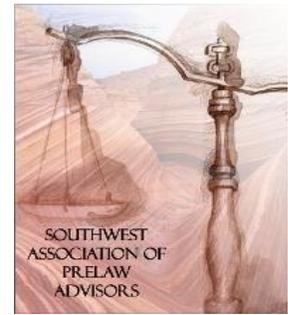


SWAPLA Executive Committee Meeting

June 16, 2012

Washington D.C. – PLANC Quadrennial Conference



Members Present: Gary Keith, Jeff Robb, Karen Severn, Michelle Payne, Mel Haley, Jerry Polinard, Jamie Dillon, Claudell Woods, and Sandy Self

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gary at 10:48 a.m.

I. Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Gary stated that the Fall Executive Committee meeting is usually held in conjunction with the Houston Law Forum. The forum will be held on Saturday, September 29th. The Caravan will begin the following Monday in Dallas. After some discussion, the members agreed to meet at 8 a.m. on September 29, 2012. Afterward, members agreed to attend the law forum to provide pre-law advising to students.

II. 2013 SWAPLA Annual Conference

Members discussed the location of the next annual conference. New Orleans and San Antonio were proposed as options. Tulane University was suggested as a possible site for the law forum, however, it was noted that it is important not to conflict with a Tulane football weekend. Mel stated that San Antonio would be a better choice for the 2013 meeting. He also suggested that we consider partnering with SAPLA for a meeting in New Orleans in 2014, and possibly consider including MAPLA as well. Gary asked for suggestions as to who would be the best person in SAPLA to contact regarding this sort of collaboration. It was suggested that he contact Rodia Vance at Emory University. Jeff stated that he will contact her.

III. Executive Committee Conference Planning Meeting

Members then discussed possible dates for a meeting to visit hotels in San Antonio and plan the conference. February was suggested by Gary and Mel. Gary will be attending the LSAC meeting in December, 2012, and at that time he will obtain their 2013 calendar. This will assist the members in determining a specific date to meet in San Antonio and decide the 2013 conference details, including location, etc.

IV. Other Business

Jerry told the members that former SWAPLA member and officer, Ron Labbè, has passed away. The members discussed doing something in honor of both Ron and Lawrence Okerè, who has also recently passed away. Gary said that he will take care of it.

Michelle stated that Ana had asked Michelle to extend her apologies for not being able to attend the meetings today; however, this was due to her airplane reservations which could not be altered.

Regarding the 2012 Caravan, Karin said that she going to develop a schedule to assist the Caravan directors, and intends to encourage the attendance of students from other schools, not just the specific Caravan site schools. Karen is going to encourage the site directors to contact schools and the pre-law advisors in their areas in an attempt to bring in additional students.

Members discussed some of the problems from the 2011 Caravan and the solutions that have been proposed to take care of these problems. Karen pointed out that other APLAS charge more for attendees that choose to only visit one stop on the Caravan. For example, attendance at one stop would cost \$300.00; two stops would cost \$400.00; and each additional stop would cost \$50.00. Michelle stated that there is also a problem with schools that pay, however they don't send in their registration, therefore, there is no way of knowing what specific stops they will be attending. Karen responded that registration via the website will take care of this problem because they can't pay without completing the registration form first.

Karen asked Jamie if she thinks that the law school representatives would be willing to travel to Waco. Jamie responded that she believed that some of them would be willing to do so.

Members discussed the fact that UNT is scheduled to open their law school in 2014. Royal Furgeson has been chosen as the founding dean of the school. Mel noted that Royal has served as a federal district judge, and suggested that he would be an excellent plenary speaker at the 2013 SWAPLA Annual Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Sandy Self, J.D.
SWAPLA Secretary