

SWAPLA General Business Meeting  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
October 3, 2015

Members in Attendance

Barbara Kirby	Henry Sligo
Ladystacie Rimes-Boyd	Lynet' Shigg
Davia Roberts	Jordan Johnson
Parker Hevron	Jenny Branson
Lisa Buentello	Terence Cook
Carol Dochen	Jerry Polinard
Theresa Rene LeBlanc	Mel Hailey
Brad Blunt	Catherine Casiano
Jennie Syamken	Jim Calvi
Lori DeKalb	Gary Keith
Pamela Waldron-Moore	Jeff Robb
Sandy Self	Karen Severn
Michelle Payne	Ana Alvarez
Julie Lantrip	Jamie West Dillon
Mario Villa	Anne Dutia
Stan Evans	

Jeff Robb called the meeting to order at 11:20 am, PST

Approval of minutes pending. \*Edit\* -- approved by membership over email.

Reports

Karen Severn gave a recap of the caravan schedule and invited schools not on the caravan to publicize the event to their students and alums or consider hosting future forums.

Michelle Payne announced the subsidy for the conference, informed membership of the balance of the account and relayed the story of the IRS issue. We have engaged an IRS agent to ensure SWAPLA is in compliance.

New Business

Gary Keith announced the Nominating Committee's recommendation of the slate of officers: Sandy Self for President, Anne Dutia for VP, Ana Alvarez for Secretary, Michelle Payne to continue as treasurer, Claudell Woods to continue as at-large officer, and Lori DeKalb for new at-large officer. Jeff Robb seconded and the motion passed by acclamation.

Reminder of Houston LSAC forum on Monday, October 19. Jeff Robb encourages PLAs to attend and provide advising for students on site

Reminder of PLANC Conference in Chicago June 7 – 10, 2016. Jeff Robb reminded membership that there would be no formal SWAPLA conference next year due to PLANC. Announced the \$400 stipend for conference travel.

Gary Keith encouraged PLAs to attend, noted the tiered registration fees by date registered.

Sandy Self noted that she's in charge of conference registration and Gary Keith is PLANC Treasurer and mentioned that proceeds from PLANC are divided up to the APLAs based on attendance from the region.

Karen Severn said she would set up a roommate-matching service for the conference on the website since the hotel was so expensive.

#### New Concerns

Jeff Robb suggested a one-day mini conference in Oklahoma to encourage new or renewed involvement from our Oklahoma member schools.

There is the possibility of a joint SWAPLA-SAPLA conference in 2017 in Memphis. The Rice prelaw advisor also suggested Houston.

Sandy Self wanted to thank Jeff Robb for his service as president, and noted that this is his second time to serve as president.

Jerry Polinard encouraged writing a letter to TWU to commend and thank Jeff for his service.

Sandy Self recognized LadyStacie Rimes Boyd as our scholarship winner to attend the Las Vegas conference.

Mel Hailey moved to adjourn. Karen Severn seconded.

Adjourned at 12:04 pm.