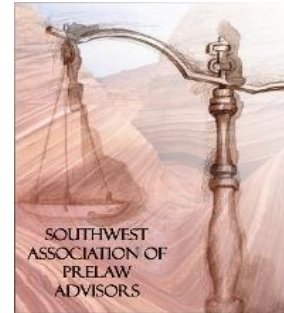


*Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors
Annual Business Meeting
8:30 a.m. Friday, June 10, 2016
PLANC Conference, Chicago, Illinois*



Members in attendance:

Jenny Branson
Larry Chappell
Terence Cook
Lori DeKalb
Anne Dutia
Mel Hailey
Gary Keith
Barbara Kirby
Joseph Lindsay
Jean Loveall
Nicole Neeley
Michelle Payne
LadyStacie Rimes-Boyd
Katherine Sims
Mario Villa
Claudel Woods
Ana Alvarez

Catherine Casiano
Milo Colton
Rhonda Cooper
Carol Dochen
David Farnum
Laurie Jones
Matthew Kerns
Rene Theresa LeBlanc
Andrea Love
Joanne Matson
Kimber Palmer
Stephen Perez
Karen Severn
Lisa Soto
Pamela Waldron-Moore
Sandy Self

Welcome

Sandy Self called to order at 8:44 am. She welcomed all SWAPLA members and introduced herself. All participants introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Sandy Self clarified that the Minutes would be sent by email for approval.

Reports

Law school Caravan. Karen Severn gave a summary of the caravan. She pointed out that there would be no buses chartering nor hotel room block contracting for the law school caravan. Karen Severn also encouraged prelaw advisors to take students to law school caravan fairs.

Treasurer's report. Michelle Payne. Michelle circulated copies of the Treasurer's report and informed of the balance.

Unfinished Business

Michelle Payne stated there were no IRS issues.

New Business

Sandy Self encouraged all participants to attend the PLANC gathering today. She announced Karen Sever would be given the Gerald Wilson Award. She also mentioned Kim Calvi would be given the Above and Beyond Award for Exceptional Contributions and Dedication to SWAPLA, Lisa Soto the Prelaw Innovator and Motivator Award for the Outstanding Prelaw Program Award, and Kimber Palmer the Award for Excellence in Prelaw Advising.

Sandy Self announced the possibility of a mini-conference in Oklahoma in spring 2017. The problem would be the expense of prelaw advisors who attended the PLANC conference and budgetary constraints of schools, which would make difficult for schools to spread the money around. Additionally, there is a conference in the fall of 2017.

Sandy Self announced the collaboration with SAPLA for the conference in Memphis, Tennessee, on September 13-15, 2017. She noted there would be visits to three schools, the University of Memphis School of Law, University of Mississippi School of Law, and University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law.

Karen Severn noted that the Law School Forum in Houston would be Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Gary Keith stated that there had been a good turnout of assistance to the PLANC conference and encouraged prelaw advisors out of the Texas to attend SWAPLA conferences.

Mel Hailey made a recognition to Sandy Self for her work as SWAPLA President and involvement in the PLANC Conference. Participants acclaimed the recognition.

Sandy noted that SWAPLA is electing board in 2017 and encouraged participants to think if they would like to be part of the board.

Michelle requested an increase of subsidy for prelaw advisors who attended the PLANC Conference as it was very expensive. Sandy Self said that this issue would be discussed by the SWAPLA Board. Karen made a motion for the board to discuss this issue. Mel Hailey seconded.

Adjournment

Sandy Self moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Ana Alvarez, Ed.D.
Secretary