

MSBA State & Local Government Law
Section Council Minutes
February 2, 2009

The Council convened a teleconference on February 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The following Section Council Members participated on the call: Chair Bill Varga, Steve Orens, Chuck Thompson, Bob McDonald, Rob McCord, Laura Swisher, and Amanda Conn. Our Board of Governor's Section Liaison Tim Sheridan also participated in the teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Council's December 8, 2008 meeting had not yet been prepared. Laura read pertinent sections as they came up, but the actual minutes will be distributed and submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Budget

The 2009-2010 Section Council budget was submitted. Bill requested an increase in the meal allowance of 10%, and \$1,120 for mini-programs. A copy of the budget submittal will be forwarded.

Mini-Program

Lots of discussion around possible topics for the upcoming Mini-Program. Topics discussed included requirements for receiving Stimulus funds, or how the stimulus package would impact Maryland; HR 413 and affect on state and local government health and safety workers; Fiscal Constraints; Pension Vested Rights; Collective Bargaining Rights. The Committee agreed to try to outline a program by the end of March so announcements would get out.

Discussed planning for 2 or 3 hour program to allow sufficient depth for topics and time for questions, feedback. If start at 3 pm or 4 pm, would let out after rush hour. Serve appetizers after program for networking, mixing. Have list of nearby restaurants so people could make arrangements to go out to eat with group.

Municipal Law Blog - Committee

Bob reported no significant developments since last meeting.

Nominating Committee

The Chair, Past Chair, and Vice-Chair (Bill, Karen and Diane) will serve as the Nominating Committee for next year's officers. They will meet to discuss and make recommendations.

Networking Event

Once again, there was discussion about holding a networking event at a vineyard. We could rent space somewhere, and fee could cover that and some food (?), but attendees

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would pay for their own wine. Judge McKenna owns a vineyard now. We should check with him. Plan event for the fall, after or during harvest?

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.