

**ADR Council Meeting**  
August 22, 2017  
By Telephone Conference  
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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by John DeGroote

**Attending by Phone:**

Bass, Courtenay  
Bergman, Trey  
Bulmash, Lis  
Clote, Paul  
Coover, Ann  
DeGroote, John  
Harrell, David  
Jury, Jeff  
Martinez, Daniel  
McGowan, Gary  
McLain, Linda  
McLean, Hunter  
Nuckols, Tracy  
Phillips, Donna  
Roberts, Gene  
Speedlin, Phylis  
Tolchin, Andrew

**Not Attending:**

Rivera, Guadalupe  
Schooler, Lonnie  
Specia, John

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**Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were presented. Lis Bulmash moved to approve the minutes. Phylis Speedlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Update**

Trey Bergman provided a budget summary, noting that the Executive Committee met a number of times. The Section brings in approximately \$30,000 per year in member dues. This

year, it appears we will have a \$3,000 deficit with \$90,000 in reserves. Because of the finances, the Section leadership will not have a retreat this year.

### **Annual CLE Program**

David Harrell provided an update on the annual CLE program. Trey Bergman and Jackson Walker are both sponsors for the CLE. Our proposed keynote speaker, John Lande from the University of Missouri School of Law has requested a speaker's fee of \$1,500.00. Courtenay Bass moved to approve the speaker's fee request. Lis Bulmash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The SBOT CLE requested that the section sponsor a break for \$500.00. That request was politely declined.

### **Nominations**

John DeGroote encouraged Council members to consider nominees for future council positions and the Frank Evans award and to forward those nominees to Lonnie Schooler and to John DeGroote.

### **Website/Calendar**

Daniel Martinez reported that there was no report. John DeGroote advised that the Section received a request to put items on the ADR Calendar (on the website), seeking quality control of trainers and training. Trey Bergman suggested that the Executive Council consider establishing qualifications for calendar entries.

### **Case Updates/Blog**

John DeGroote reported that Linda McLain is seeking help from Jennifer Alvey and noted that we should finish the ADR Handbook, first.

### **Roadshows**

Paul Clote reported that a roadshow is scheduled in Hidalgo County for November. The venue will cost approximately \$1,600. Lis Bulmash moved to approve spending \$1,500 for the venue. Courtenay Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A suggestion was made to intentionally encourage event attendees to become members of the Section.

### **ADR Handbook**

John DeGroote reported that State Bar Books will publish and edit the Handbook.

### **Dispute Resolution Center Representative Appointment**

John DeGroote appointed Donna Phillips to be the Section's DRC representative.

**Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will take place the evening before the annual CLE. A Section meeting will take place at 8:15 a.m. on January 26, 2018, at the Texas Law Center.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Andrew Tolchin reported that a vote for the State Bar's Executive Director will take place later this week.

Paul Clote moved to adjourn. Courtenay Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.