

**Minutes of the
State Bar of Texas
ADR Section Annual Meeting
Texas Bar Center
January 26, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John DeGroote, Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 2017, Annual Meeting of the ADR Section were presented. Upon motion and second, the minutes were approved as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

Linda McLain, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report, which was accepted.

4. Announcement of the Justice Frank Evans Award

John DeGroote announced that Christopher Nolland has been selected by the ADR Section of the State Bar of Texas as the recipient of the Justice Frank Evans Award for 2018.

5. Nominating Committee Report

Speaking for Lionel M. "Lonnie" Schooler, Chair of the Nominating Committee, John DeGroote presented the Nominating Committee's nominations for the slate of proposed Section officers to begin service in June of 2018:

Chair:	Trey Bergman
Immediate Past Chair:	John DeGroote
Chair Elect:	Linda Meekins McLain
Treasurer:	Gene Roberts
Secretary:	David Harrell

The following candidates for Council Member/Director positions were presented:

Courtenay Bass
Lisbeth Bulmash
Ingeuneal Gray
Daniel Martinez
Gary McGowan

6. Election of Officers and Directors and Special Representative Appointment

The floor was opened for additional nominations or discussion. There being none, the recommended slate of candidates was approved by acclamation.

Separately, John DeGroote announced the appointment of Andrew Tolchin to serve a one-year appointment as special representative to the ADR Section Council, effective June 1, 2018.

7. Status Report: State of the Section

a. The Roadshows

John DeGroote described the status of ADR Roadshows the Section organizes and sponsors throughout the State of Texas. The Roadshows teach attorneys in local jurisdictions about ADR, including the ethical aspects of the practice.

b. The ADR Handbook

John DeGroote reported that the Handbook will be published in three tranches, with the last tranche published in the summer of 2018. This will be a benefit to Section members.

c. Other Matters

Trey Bergman reported that the roadshows have been successful. Trey requested that members let leadership know of topics and needs for the Section as the Section embarks on its 2018-2019 strategic planning process.

8. Old Business

There was no old business.

9. New Business

The membership expressed the desire to have ADR speakers at non-ADR CLE presentations around the State.

John DeGroot encouraged members to speak and write on ADR topics and to advise the ADR Section Council of quality ADR CLE presentations and materials that may be of interest to practitioners around the State.

John DeGroot discussed with the membership (i) the extraordinary efforts to which the Section's prior chair, Lionel M. "Lonnie" Schooler, has gone to advance ADR and legal education across the State; (ii) the successes of those efforts; and (iii) our appreciation for Lonnie and his efforts.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.