

Dispute Resolution Section

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2025 12:00pm – 1:30pm PST

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 894 5008 5603 Passcode: 272434

Attendees: Julia, Dee, Paula, Donna, Ted, Oliver, Bob, Mel, Jazs, Chris, Courtland, Melissa. Not present: Jody, Lish and Tom Ahearn. Donna and Jazs left at 1pm.

- I. Welcome and Meeting Matters
 - A. Confirm quorum -- confirmed
 - B. Agenda additions and changes
 - a. November and January minutes approved. Paula will make sure all members have copies of the October retreat minutes and those plus this meeting will be approved at the next meeting.
- II. **Announcements** Jazs and Mel are looking for volunteers for the section table at the Conference during the breaks. Let them know if you can do it.
- III. **Treasurer's Report (Paula, on behalf of Courtland)** -- September 2024 financials are in. Net income \$3195.91. Retreat was \$3687.49, slightly below average in costs. Final budget for FY2026 due June. If you have a good idea that costs money, get it in ASAP so it can be brought up in April and voted on in May at the latest.
- IV. **NWDR Conference Updates (Bob, Chris, Jody, Melissa, Paula)** -- **We** are under where we want to be in terms of registrations, need at least 8-10 more for comfort. CLEs approved for both general and ethics. Donna will promote it on the listserve. Mel will repost on the solo practitioners list serve. Julia sent it to New Lawyers. Paula will put it on social media.

- V. **Education: (Donna, Paula)** Donna recapped the miniCLE on February 5 with Ann Marshall. There were 562 attendees registered. Through no-fault of anyone, at the 23-minute mark, the platform, On24, froze and it could not be fixed. Ann Marshall agreed to re-record the session. An apology was sent out to the attendees, and they were told they could get credit for watching the recording.
- VI. **Scholarship (Oliver, with Julia & Ted)**—We received two applicants and were able to approve both. Both were excellent choices. One received \$1,250 to attend the 2025 ABA Dispute Resolution Section Spring Conference and the other received \$360 to attend the NWDR Conference.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. **Legislation & Public Policy (Jody)**—Jody briefed us on legislation regarding parenting plans and mediation requirements and on foreclosure mediation and more opportunities for borrowers.
- b. zs and Mel)—Jazs and Mel are focusing on publicity for the NWDR conference.
- c. Academic Relationships (Julia)—no updates
- VIII. **Bylaws Review (Donna and Ted)**—Donna and Ted took us through the changes to the bylaws. Mel suggested a clean draft be circulated and we will vote next meeting.
- IX. Website Updates (Julia)—Julia will fix some typos.

1:30: Adjourn-1:17