

Amended.

FLA MEETING MAY 25, 2011

Present: Victoria Starr, Paula McGirr, Cynthia Mancía, Barb Kristanic, Mary Reilly, Robert Shawyer, Jean Hyndman, Ghina al-Sewaidi

1. Approval of Minutes from last meeting deferred (Barb cannot locate). If Barb cannot locate notes after a further search, will compile notes from Cynthia's (and perhaps other members' note);
2. Mary presents Treasurer's Report;
 - a. Cynthia: motion to approve report, seconded by Robert. Motion passed.
 - b. PM: motion to reimburse Victoria for printing and courier costs re boat cruise, seconded by Cynthia; *MOTION PASSED.*
3. Website Committee Update: Seth's last bill circulated by Victoria. Those present question whether ongoing cost can be maintained without an increase in fees. Mary questions whether fees can be raised without a special meeting. A review of the by-laws, specifically the DUTIES AND FEES section: shows that the Board may fix fees from time to time, unless such fee change is rejected at the AGM: Section 25.1.

Discussion ensues as to how much fees should be raised? Ghina suggests \$50 for regular and \$75 for enhanced membership. Robert questions whether some members will find this too high and want to see 'something' for their money. All those present agree that FLA should prepare a combined report to show members what we have been doing, after receiving all committee reports, to be provided to membership after boat cruise.

Vote re fee increase: Paula motions for an increase as follows: \$50 and \$75, effective July 1, 2011 (for new and renewal members). Mary second. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion re logo competition: Victoria asks those present whether to proceed with competition, as discussed at last meeting. Cost is \$300. Paula agrees that this is a good idea, as long as we keep all ownership rights.

Motion by Paula to proceed with branding competition, at a cost of up to \$300, including taxes, and ensuring that FLA maintains all ownership rights. Seconded by Ghina. Motion passed;

4. Review of Ghina's 393 Bench and Bar Report: some questions are raised re professional responsibility and possible liability issues regarding Justice Czutrin's suggestion to have private lawyers provide limited services at the Court. Ghina advises that this issue has not been explored in detail yet.

CM questions 14B process – ask Ghina to raise possibility of faxing 14Bs, rather than filing over the counter;

5. Mary asks Victoria to review enhanced members list on website – advises her that some members should not be present on list;
6. Discussion ensues re fees and whether they should continue for a period of 12 months from date of payment or expire on a set date each year. Paula advises that Constitution currently states that memberships expire in September of following year (and are pro rated). Mary advises that she is willing to do the extra administrative work required to have memberships expire 12 months from date of payment;

Those present vote as to Mary's motion: individual memberships should come due during the month that they joined the FLA on an annual basis. Jean seconds and amends motion: due on 1st day of month they joined. Motion passed;

7. Cynthia provides update on AGM: does not have any information on the AGM at this point. Cynthia suggests that AGM be held in conjunction with another event – example – just prior to our next social event in September. Review of religious holiday calendar. Mary proposes September 22, 2011 at 6pm (AGM held first and Social after);

It is agreed that Victoria will look into Alice Fazooli's as a possible location, and Robert into the Albany Club. Both will report back to Board re Board re cost (Mary advises that in the past, room rental and food cost approx. \$800);

Discussion ensues as to whether there should be a cost to the AGM and Social. All those agree that there should be no charge for the AGM. Cynthia suggests

that subject to finalization, the AGM and Social be held on September 22, 2011, at location where the cost will not be more than \$1,500, and be located centrally. All agree.

New subcommittee formed re Social/AGM, after vote: Victoria delegates task to booking Robert, Ghina Mary, and herself. Authority delegated to ad hoc committee to make decision on location and pricing, within the parameters set out above. Motion seconded by Jean. Motion passed;

8. Jean provides her report on the 311 Jarvis Operations Committee by way of handout ;
9. Victoria provides an update on her meeting with the representative from Investors Group: he willing to sponsor events. Victoria suggests we take him up on it. He is also offering to have his band play for free at our boat cruise. Those present agree that if the boat can accommodate the band, and Paula approves the band after hearing their CD, they should play at the cruise. Side note: Bill Rogers has also advised that he is willing to sing at the cruise;
10. OCL letter: Victoria summarizes recent events, as per her last email with respect to the issue. All those present agree to send 1st letter, after some discussion;
11. Mary raises the issue of discord and fracture amongst the Board: Mary suggests that this issue be discussed at the start of the next meeting. Victoria asks Mary to facilitate and Mary agrees;
12. CPD update: could not obtain approval for CPD credit for the next 311 session;
13. The Advocates Society has advised that it wants to co-sponsor programs with the FLA: Mary suggests that the education Committee work with the Advocates Society, and also try to negotiate a discount for our members. Robert agrees to liaise with the Advocates Society;
14. Next meeting: Paula suggests that the next meeting be moved forward (in advance of boat cruise). PM will suggest 13th or 20th of June. Will canvass with Board and set new date;
15. Bylaw Committee Update: Robert advises that the Committee is close to finalizing their report and proposal. Those present ask for Robert to forward the

document by June 10, 2011 (it is agreed that all other committee reports will be due at same time, to accommodate the newsletter);

16. Issue of posting job advertisements on website: Victoria suggests that job advertisements should be posted, for a fee. Victoria suggests that the Web Committee discuss cost options with Seth. Will also discuss Google Talk with him. Cynthia will provide report by next meeting;

17. ASLA update by Victoria – at the last meeting, sought a Board position on the LAO Committee. Also advises that there are plans for a stakeholder consultation as well as to expand the use of mediation and paralegals in Legal Aid;

18. Meeting adjourned: date to be set.