

Family Law Lawyers Association
September 26, 2011

Present

Victoria Starr (VS)
Mary Reilley (MR)
Cynthia Mancia (CM)

Renuka Satchithanathan (RS)
Jean Hyndman (JH)
Ghian Al-Sewaidi (GA)

1. Minutes of September 7, 2011 were presented and reviewed. Copies of draft amendments to Bylaws and Bylaws as revised at that meeting are attached to the Minutes of that meeting for greater clarity.

Motion to approve Minutes.

Moved – JH Seconded – RS Approved Unanimously

2. Minutes of June 13, 2011 Board Meeting

Barbara Kristanic had not drafted Minutes prior to having her baby and therefore Victoria Starr recreated the Minutes from her notes and the email that she sent to Board Members following the meeting – presented for approval.

Motion to approve.

Moved – MA Seconded – GA Approved Unanimously

3. Treasure's Report

Treasurer's Report presented with Financial Statement as of August 31, 2011. Invoice from Think Thirty Three Inc. for September 1, 2011 presented as outstanding account payable.

Motion to approve Report

Moved – JH Seconded – RS Approved Unanimously

4. Bell Conferencing – VS reported that it would cost \$0.38 per minute per person so the cost of Bell Conferencing for a Board Meeting could be expensive.

5. Implementation Committee Report

JH reported on attending at 311 Jarvis Committee dealing with expansion of Family Services at 311 Jarvis (Report Attached)

Discussion re: need to have a backup person for attendance at committees. MR volunteered to be backup for this committee. RS raised need to disseminate this information. Can be done through web site, emails to members.

Motion by JH that the FLA Board provide information about the opportunity to obtain CLE credits for doing mandatory information programs to our members either by email or by putting it on our web site.

Moved – JH

Seconded – GA

Passed Unanimously

6. GA reported on 393 Bench and Bar Committee

CM and RS will provide backup for her attendance at that committee. GA reported that they are trying to set up a computer corner for the lawyers at 393 University so that we can print documents, access email, etc. while at court.

MR

7. ~~CM~~ presented draft submissions to the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Motion to approve.

Moved – RS

Seconded – CM

Passed Unanimously

8. VS presented revised FLA application form which reflects increase in fees.

Date of application is on form to keep track of when the person's membership commenced and will be renewed.

Motion to approve form.

Moved – GA

Seconded – RS

Passed Unanimously

9. Final review of draft revised FLA Constitution and Bylaws to approve corrections made in paragraph 2.3 – consensus to leave as “demeanour”.

-Paragraph 7 – change to section 6.

-Paragraph 46.4 – delete “Minutes of the meetings at which they preside”.

-Section 73.4 – change to “section 91”.

Motion to approve draft Bylaws as amended

Moved – VS

Seconded MR

Passed Unanimously

10. Annual Report

VS had circulated draft report for comments and for additional information from some of the Board Members and will be circulated again after that information is incorporated. Board thanked VS for putting the report together.

11. VS reported the competition for designing a logo has been on hold but we should look at it again.

12. The Google Talk is up and running and people are using it.

13. Brief discussion re: letter from FLA member, Ivana Varcaro, with respect to issues about how the OCL does investigations. Tabled for discussion at next Board Meeting.

14. VS confirmed that the Annual General Meeting and Social will be held on October 27, 2011 at Alice Fazooli's is booked.

15. The next Board Meeting will be November 23, 2011 at 112 Adelaide for the new Board.

16. Discussion re: recruitment of new Board Members.

-Board Members present, plus Robert Shawyer and Paula McGirr intend to stand for re-election.

-If any of the Board Members know good people, we should be speaking to them.

-We should also target younger people.

17. Motion to adjourn.


Bring Forward Items:

a. Consider and determine if the Board will act with respect to a member request and draft outline of issues with OCL investigations;

b. Whether the FLA should post employment opportunity notices on our web site – Mary and Victoria

c. 3rd party advertising and requests for us to post items on website or send out notices to membership

- d. set up of ability to pay membership fees via PayPal
- e. Setting up Newsletter committee;
- f. New Logo for FLA
- g. Website revitalization

Chair's Signature 

Date NOV. 23 / 11

Secretary's Signature 

Date Nov. 23 / 11