

CHILDREN'S LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2008
Meeting Called to Order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Amanda Roggenbuck, Suzanne Stephan, John Forczak, Evelyn Tombers, Mary Pino, Karen Cook, Jenifer Pettibone, William Schooley, Carol Siemon, Jodi Latuszek, Robbie Powelson, Jennifer Wood, Bill Kandler, Jack McKaig and Alicia Fabiano.

Excused: Musette Michael and Shannon Schlegel.

Secretary's Report: Discussion was held regarding approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting. William Schooley moved to approve the minutes and Suzanne Stephan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion was next held regarding the monthly financial report. Jack McKaig was not present; Mary Pino reported that the ending balance as of February 29, 2008 was \$25,983.67. Carol Siemon moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jodi Latuszek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amicus Committee Report: None.

Education Committee Report: Evelyn Tombers reported on the Children's Law Section's annual training that will be held May 2, 2008 at the Hall of Justice. She is still lining up speakers: will need to replace Pogash because he's been transferred. Mary Pino has spoken with MCI regarding an attorney familiar with how to handle foreign national minors who come into care knowledgeable about foreign nationals and alien/refugee status. William Schooley suggested someone from Homeland Security to explain policy to change status.

Legislative Committee Report: Bill Kandler presented the report and asked for any ideas for legislative changes which could be presented as a section. Bill Kandler reported an idea to get more money for kids in family placements.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Carol Siemon announced training opportunities. Evelyn Tombers reported that she needs judges for a moot court competition to be held on March 29, 2008 and an interstate moot court competition she sent out an email regarding.

Evelyn Tombers moved to adjourn, Jodi Latuszek seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Pettibone on behalf of Katrina Martin,
Secretary