

MCLA
October 9, 2007
Board Meeting Minutes

Present at the October 9, 2007 Board Meeting were Harry Baumohl, President, Jim Motsay, Mary Stengel, and Marc Baer. Michael Mastracci participated by telephone.

1. Harry announced that the October 4th-5th training was successful with 49 newly trained Collaborative professionals. Jim indicated that Ali would send a follow-up e-mail to those in attendance and that he and Ali would schedule meetings with the local attorneys who attended the training.

2. Next followed a discussion regarding the next training. A March, 2008 training was initially planned, but there may not be enough planning time, and other Collaborative groups have already planned and scheduled spring trainings.

A discussion followed concerning a Fall, 2008 training with the possibility of bringing in Stu Webb. Pauline Testler would be a second choice. Marc will contact Stu Webb regarding his availability in the fall and the type of training he would offer.

3. The Board recognized the outstanding work Ali has done in coordinating at the MCLA trainings. The Board further recognized the need to hire an event planner for future trainings and have approved hiring Ali in this capacity.

4. Next followed a discussion regarding revamping the MCLA website. The revamping would include an opportunity for MCLA to charge members for enhanced directory listings and advertisement revenue. Michael will contact McCord Web Designs and Jim will contact Mark Epstein regarding information relating to the Pittsburgh Collaborative Law website. The Board would also like to give Greg Pickett the opportunity to bid on the job.

5. The Board discussed the Brown Bag Lunch program, noting that the next one is scheduled for October 18, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. in Jim's office. Mary will send out a reminder e-mail to MCLA members and to those who attended the trainings (MCLA and Howard County) this past weekend.

6. Next followed a discussion regarding the recent Sun paper's article. Harry indicated that although there were mixed reviews, the overall tone of the article was positive and we now have a contact at the Sun paper.

7. Next followed a discussion regarding dues structure wherein it was approved that the annual membership fee would be \$125.00 for both attorney and non-attorney members. Mary also agreed to review the existing membership application in order to make it more user-friendly for non-attorneys.

8. Harry announced that we need to start planning for the Holiday party and that this will be one of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. The next meeting will take place on October 23, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at Harry's office.