

ELDER LAW SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
Boca Raton Resort & Club – Boca Raton, FL  
Friday, June 23, 2017

I. Call to Order - Welcome Ellen Morris, Chair

In attendance: Ellen Morris, Carolyn Landon, Collett Small, Steve Hitchcock, David Weintraub, Horacio Sosa, Heidi Brown, Travis Finchum, Howie Krooks, Javier Centonzio, Stephanie Villavicencio, Bill Johnson, Debra Slater, Marjorie Wolasky, Donna McMillan, Twyla Sketchley, Charlie Robinson, Victoria Heuler, and fourteen (14) guests; including Shannon Miller and her daughter and Collett Small's parents and daughters.

Attending By Phone: David Hook, Jason Waddell, Joan Nelson-Hook, Amy Collins and John Frazier

II. Approval of Minutes Carolyn Landon, Secretary

Approved Unanimously

III Chair's Report Ellen Morris, Chair

*Ellen brought to our attention the memo from her call with Bar President Schifino last week.*

IV. Past Chair's Report David Hook, Past Chair

*David reported the Web page is up and running. Chairs need to put their information on the Website.*

V. Chair Elect Report Collett Small, Chair-elect

*The Retreat will be in Jamaica in October. Registration will be cut off in September. The Jamaican Supreme Court will host attendees for lunch in Kingston. Collett described the resort and the activities.*

VI. Treasurer's Report Steve Hitchcock

*Our year end fund balance is \$217,000.00 with approximately \$86,000.00 in net income. There will be a slight budget amendment by the Bar. The after-market revenue from last June's SNT program was phenomenal. Steve reviewed some proposed budget amendments and after discussion the amount to the Task Force was reduced to \$5,000.00. The following amendments were unanimously passed:*

VII. Substantive Division Jason Waddell, Vice Chair

- a. Exploitation and Abuse Committee Erika Dine/David Weintraub  
Written report
- b. Probate and Estate Planning Committee Horacio Sosa/Amy Collins  
Written report
- c. Guardianship Committee Victoria Heuler/Debra Slater  
Written report
- d. Legislative Committee William Johnson/Scott Selis  
*Shannon Miller will co-chair with Bill. The electronics bill passed.*
- e. Medicaid/Government Benefits Committee John Clardy/Heidi Brown  
Written report. *Heidi reported that the committee will be following all proposed rule changes.*
- f. Special Needs Trust Committee Travis Finchum/Howie Krooks  
*Travis reported a quiet year but predicts that will change when block grants come through.*
- g. UPL Special Committee John Frazier/Len Mondschein  
Written report.
- h. Veterans Benefits Committee Javier Centenzio  
  
*Javier led an excellent seminar this morning.*
- j. Mentoring Special Committee Stephanie Villavicencio  
*Committees have been very responsive in presenting programs.*

VIII. Administrative Division Scott Selis, Vice Chair

- a. CLE Committee Sam Boone/Marjorie Wolasky  
Written report
- b. Newsletter Kristina Tilson  
Written report
- c. Council of Sections Report David Hook  
No report

- d. Certification Special Committee                      Victoria Heuler  
*Victoria announced there are 3 new certified attorneys.*
  - e. Law School Liaison Special Committee            Enrique Zamora/Alex Cuello  
No report
  - f. Web Page Report    David Hook  
*See Past Chair's report*
  - g. Sponsorship Special Committee                      Jason Waddell  
*Jason thanked the sponsors Guardian Trust and Elder Counsel.*
  - h. Membership Special Committee                      Donna McMillan/Robert Morgan  
Written report
- IX. Board of Governors Report                              Sandy Diamond  
No report
- X. Liaison Reports
- a. AFELA Report    Twyla Sketchley  
*Twyla announced that AFELA will be implementing area groups and crisis response*
  - b. FSGA Report    Scott Greenberg/David Hook  
No report
  - c. RPPTL Report    Charlie Robinson/Marjorie Wolasky  
*Marjorie gave a report on the last RPPTL meeting she attended and the concerns expressed at that meeting.*
  - d. NAELA Report    Howie Krooks  
*Howie reported NAELA's concerns with the changing health care bill.*
  - e. Task Force Update    Ellen Morris/Sam Boone  
*Rebecca Bell wrote a synopsis of the Electronic Bill. Ellen suggested that someone write an article on the Elective Share.*

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m. to reconvene after a short break for the awards and the passing of the gavel from Ellen to Collett followed by a reception.

Twyla Sketchley received the Charlotte Breyer award  
Shannon Miller was named Member of the Year.

The new Florida Bar President, Michael Higer; President-elect, Michelle Suskauer; and the incoming Executive Director, Josh Doyle, stopped by for a visit.

*Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Landon, Secretary*