

Minutes Of CLASP Executive Board Meeting (by Zoom)  
January 18, 2023 at Noon  
Minutes taken by Jennifer M. McEnroe, Esquire

Meeting began at 12:02 p.m.

Officer Reports:

President (Stephanie Jablon): Thanked Dr. Deb Gilman for her leadership during her presidency. Thanked Donna Cheswick for her assistance with website and membership emails. Looking forward to 2023 – goals include increased marketing presence, social events, training and strategic planning at the upcoming retreat.

Introduction of New Executive Board: Vice-President - Dorothy O'Neil, Secretary – Jennifer McEnroe, Treasurer – Karen Fadzen

Stephanie invited members to reach out to her as needed.

Treasurer Report (Karen Fadzen): Year-end financials – Approximately \$39,800 in bank account and approximately \$3,200 owed to IACP, \$25,600 in income, \$23,600 in expenses, positive cash flow in of about \$2,000. Bank balances currently \$46,300, with \$1,740 in IACP dues payable. 41 members signed up – there are people that still need to renew membership. Donna said that there are 71 members total.

Retreat Report (Dr. Deb Gilman): 30 members are signed up to attend Bedford Retreat. Discussion of members bringing a guest and financial arrangements. Deb Gilman gave an overview of the retreat – cocktail hour/ice breaker on Thursday evening, Friday morning – either hike with Lisa Standish or guided mindfulness walk with Deb Gilman at 8:00 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 a.m., breakout into groups, no Power Point. There will be group discussions about each collaborative role. Tips to combat bias. Committee meetings to permit each committee to create goals and how that ties in to the strategic plan. Dinner at Lifestyles (BYOB) (Bedford shuttle will make two trips). Saturday morning – wrap-up. Year 15 of CLASP! How can we challenge the status quo? Our marketing theme is “Dare to challenge the Status Quo”. Deb reminded everyone to dress comfortably.

Education committee (Donna Cheswick & Lori Love): Donna stated that their goal is to provide one education session per quarter in person as well as a few virtual sessions.

Membership committee (Rachel Bowe and David Prybock): No report.

Marketing committee (Dr. Deb Gilman and Angela Kusturiss): Explained that we are going to do member spotlights – focusing on why we chose to be collaboratively trained. Using our social media accounts – linked in, Instagram, etc. Deb would like to create a Tik Toc account. Trying to get people to think about collaborative law first in a divorce case.

Training committee (Lisa Standish and Chris Stachtiaris): Lisa said they were going to alternate between a basic training and an advanced training, with the plan to do an advanced training this year.

Social Committee (Seth Dresbold and Shelly Magri): Holiday party was great.

Pro Bono (Beth Boroumand and Lindsay Nemit): No report.

Policies and procedures (Josh Snyder and Devin Hallett Snyder): No report.

Ad hoc committee (Amanda Cook): No report. Looking for a co-chair for this committee.

IACP update: Lori Gephardt asked members to consider attending the IACP Forum in Toronto this year and mentioned that it was an earlier date this year.

Next meeting is February 15, 2023 at noon by Zoom.