

CLASP Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024

Stephanie Jablon
Dorothy O'Neill
Jennifer McEnroe
Susan DiGirolamo
Elle Barr
Mary Ann Ernette
Donna Cheswick
David Miller
Kathleen Schneider
Derek Smith
Chris Stachtiaris

Stephanie Jablon shared that Karen Fadzen has resigned as CLASP Treasurer for professional reasons due to a change of firm. Julie Herzog has graciously agreed to assume the role of Treasurer for CLASP. Karen will be involved to ensure a smooth transition for this role.

Stephanie mentioned that by September 30th the executive committee must form a nominating committee. Deb Gilman will chair the committee and there will be 4 other CLASP members on the nominating committee. The nominating committee will nominate the new slate for the executive board of CLASP for 2025.

Stephanie requested a vote on whether we can commit for the \$500 contribution to the formation of the PA Statewide Group (all of the other PA practice groups have committed). We have \$35,000 in our bank account currently and Stephanie would love to see us to contribute to this effort. Susan DiGirolamo made a motion to contribute \$500 and Dorothy (and Elle) seconded the motion.

Dorothy provided a summary of what is going on with the transition associated with the PA Statewide Collaborative Group. The monthly meetings are typically being attended by Dr. Deb Gilman, Dorothy O'Neill and Stephanie Jablon. Zunita is having a health issue so she has to step down from leadership of these efforts. They are working on filling her role. The ethics role for the new statewide group is going to be fulfilled by CLASP. They are looking for dedicated people to become involved with the statewide practice group. Currently there are 4 practice groups in our state. Members from the NY and FL statewide groups have been involved in providing information about their statewide groups. Susan mentioned that Texas has a large statewide group. David mentioned there is a longtime VA statewide group as well – Cheryl Watson Smith in Lynchburg, VA is the main contact person for their group.

Upcoming PBA Collaborative Law Committee dates to be aware of – PBA Collaborative Law Committee basic training on September 11, 12 & 13 via zoom. The fall retreat is on Saturday, October 19th in Mechanicsburg. There is a committee meeting on November 21, 2024. They are having a free lunch n learn with Jacinta Gallant on October 17th at noon by zoom.

Treasurer's Report – Transitioning from Karen to Julie.

Membership Committee – Susan reported that they are sending an invitation through Apricot for a membership lunch on September 24th at the Abbey in Lawrenceville. The purpose of the lunch is to provide mentorship for newer collaborative practitioners.

Marketing Committee – No report. Elle is open to creating flyers and offered to get information out about the upcoming trainings. Stephanie asked Elle to share information about OFW's new update. OFW has updated packages and pricing. They are making changes in consideration of Kayden's law. They have created an option for virtual visitation on OFW. If the court is ordering supervised visitation, OFW can facilitate this through their virtual visitation, which is an upgraded pricing package. They do have a mechanism for fee waivers in cases of limited means. There is the ability to have a transcript of the visit. If it's a supervised visit, a person will be required to be in a room as a supervisor during the virtual visit.

Education Committee – The committee is meeting tomorrow. Stephanie asked for members to send her possible topics.

Ethics Committee – No report.

Training Committee – Chris is hoping to schedule an advanced training event in November for our membership. They had to cancel the Spring training due to low numbers. Chris asked that we send him any ideas.

Policies and Procedures – No report.

Pro Bono Committee – No report.

Idea Committee – Derek would love to plan something for the fall.

Social Committee – No report. An event is in the works for October.

Minutes taken by Jennifer McEnroe