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September 9, 2009

Place: Axley Brynelson, LLP
Two East Mifflin Street, Suite 200
Madison, WI

Speaker: Kate Scoptur, Director of Client
Relations at Axley Brynelson, LLP
Topic: Social Networking

Time: 6:00 p.m. -- Dinner
7:00 p.m. -- Program

Cost: \$6.00

Menu: Pizza/Pasta Buffet

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON

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LPSCW 2009-2010 PROGRAM

9/09/09	Kate Scaptur, Director of Client Relations at Axley Brynelson, LLP Topic: Social Networking Axley Brynelson, LLP
10/14/09	Court Observance Week Education Presentation
11/11/09	Education Presentation
12/09/09	Business Meeting/Holiday Gathering
01/13/10	Education Presentation
02/10/10	Education Presentation
03/10/10	Education Presentation
04/14/10	Annual Business Meeting
05/12/10	Installation of Officers/ Member Recognition
6/09/10	Roundtable/Planning Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 25-26, 2009 -- WALP Fall Membership Meeting, Green Bay, WI
- October 8-11, 2009 -- NALS 58th Annual Education Conference & National Forum, Irvine, CA
- October 14, 2009 -- LPSCW Educational Meeting, Madison, WI

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Be sure to check out the learning center for upcoming programs and certification testing schedule: www.nals.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

I am very excited to begin the upcoming year together. We have a lot of great programs to look forward to, including our September topic on learning how to navigate on-line networking sites. I hope to see each of you at this meeting.

If you would like to serve on a committee this year, there is still time to volunteer. The committees are as follows:

Marketing: mandatum, fundraising, marketing, and technology

Membership: employment, installation of officers/member recognition night, member services, and reservations

Education: certification, legal education, program, and scholarship

In addition to the committees listed above, we are seeking members to help with the task of revising and updating various sections of our Bylaws/Standing Rules. If you are interested in assisting with this task, please contact me.

I want to reinforce the importance of the "Think Big" campaign which is a competition between the NALS regions (and teams) to gain and retain the most members. This campaign runs from now until February 29, 2010. The team or region who gains the most percentage of NET members will win a free reception at their 2010 regional conference sponsored and paid for by NALS. For further details on this campaign, contact Brenda Johll, PP, PLS, Region 5 Director: region5@nals.org.

I hope everyone had a nice summer and is ready to "Think Big" during our upcoming year.

Hilary Williams
LPSCW President

President-Elect's Message

Meeting Minutes

LPSCW MEETING
June 10, 2009
Madison, WI

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by President, Hilary Williams.

Roll call was taken.

Officer's Reports:

Minutes: The April minutes were printed in the Mandatum and were approved.

Treasurer: Installation dinner invoice was presented to be paid. The CD will be rolled over. The audit is available for inspection.

Committees:

There was a roundtable discussion regarding Committee's that need volunteers. Karen Dempski volunteered to head up the Fundraising Committee.

Membership: We have one new member, Linda Green. Members were encouraged to recruit new members.

Mandatum: August 18, 2009 is the deadline for submissions for September Mandatum.

New Business:

There was a roundtable discussion about locations for the 2009-2010 meetings. It was decided we would try to have the business meetings at law firms (Axley and Murphy Desmond were mentioned) and have the meetings with speakers at the Edgewater.

There was discussion regarding starting a Facebook page for LPSCW with a link to the NALS Facebook page, as another way to reach our members and others. Discussion ensued regarding same. Deb Dawson suggested a speaker from her law firm marketing department who would be willing to speak for us and show the members how Facebook and other social networking sites work. Deb will contact Kate Sceptur at Axley and invite her to be the September speaker.

Other speakers who were suggested were Tom Basting and Judge Gerald Nichol.

Discussion was held regarding organizing a member event at the July 8 Concerts on the Square. Deb Dawson will send out e-mails and organize this along with Sonja Schade's assistance.

Budget approval will be by e-mail.

Blackhawk Technical College is looking for ideas for training.

Revisions to the Standing Rules and Bylaws need to be reviewed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted:

Deborah Dawson, Secretary

Approved:

/s/
Hilary Williams, President

***Professional Achievements or
Personal Accomplishments/Notes***

***Submission Deadline for Next Issue is
September 19, 2009***

NALS Code of Ethics

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall

- Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice;
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information;
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy;
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by the NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

Canon 1. Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

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Canon 3. Members of this association shall avoid a conflict of interest pertaining to a client matter.

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- Continuing legal education and resource materials;
- Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional and national levels;
- Commitment to a Code of Ethics and professional standards;
- Professional certification programs and designations.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE MANDATUM, PLEASE CONTACT DEBORAH TAUGHER, AT DTAUGHER@FOLEY.COM OR (608) 258-4376

