

Interest Section Agenda/Action Form

Date: 4/16/05

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:45 PM

Location: Phoenix, AZ

Attendees: Donn McVeigh, Daniel Free, Norman Steinberg, Gregory Deimling, John DiLiberto, Jean Lucey, Nancy Adams, Thomas Veitch, Kevin Letcher, Richard Rupp, Steven Stinson, and Vincent “Chip” Boylan

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1) Welcome/Introduction

Discussion: Chairman Donn McVeigh began the meeting promptly at 10 AM by welcoming all attendees.

Conclusions: None

Action items: None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

2) Minutes of Past Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the October 22, 2004 CLEW Committee meeting in Los Angeles were reviewed and approved.

Conclusions: Minutes approved

Action items: None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

N/A

3) CLEW Newsletter

Discussion: Newsletter Editor Dan Free discussed the ongoing problem of having enough articles to fill a newsletter. Dan still needs articles for our next issue (original deadline of April 11, 2005). Tom Veitch has two articles (articles on umbrellas and expert witness qualifications) that are complete. Chip Boylan has a member profile that will be complete by the end of next week. Kevin Letcher and Nancy Adams offered well received ideas for articles that they will work on or work with others on. All members were urged to participate.

Conclusions: See above

Action items: Everyone work on and submit articles.	Person responsible: Dan (ongoing)	Deadline: Ongoing

4) Circle of Excellence		
Discussion: Chip Boylan will prepare this year's submission with Greg Deimling's assistance. Greg will share a copy of last year's gold winning submission with Chip to use as a guide. Chip will utilize the web site Announcement seeking input from CLEW members again this year. Donn McVeigh indicated that he received positive feedback on this use of the web site announcement feature. Greg indicated that the "presentation" is vital to a successful submission.		
Conclusions: Chip will prepare submission with Greg's expert advice and counsel.		
Action items:	Person responsible:	
Web site Announcement and 2005 submission	Chip Boylan	6/30/05
5) Membership		
Discussion: Chairman McVeigh reported that the Society's total membership is declining. CLEW membership is "treading water," 277 members as of April, 2004 and the identical # as of April, 2005. 25 – 26% of total Society membership are members of Sections. Seminars at the Annual Meeting rely almost exclusively on Sections for development.		
Conclusions: None		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
None		
6) Publications		

Discussion: Discussion of the Publications Committee that was first suggested by Tom Veitch at the October meeting in Los Angeles (where Tom and Jean Lucey were appointed co-chairs of this Committee). Tom believes that it is important to have a Publications Committee and support the CLEW Newsletter. Many ideas related to publications and the CLEW Newsletter were discussed including:

Pick a topic; Develop 4 – 6 articles that address different aspects of the topic; Publish as a monogram.

Publish an article(s) via web site/e-mail.

Use Announcement feature of web site to seek article submissions from CLEW members.

Publish related articles from past CLEW Newsletters together as a monograph.

Who publishes?

The Society? Society no longer has a Publications committee and doesn't have the money to advertise/publicize a publication.

Other possibilities: IRMI; Rough Notes;

Conclusion: we have free rein to use any of the above.

(Discussion of publications/newsletter was resumed during Agenda topic # 7, New Chairman)

Conclusions: See Item 7		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
7) New Chairperson		
<p>Discussion: We need a new chairperson to start after the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Dan Free was enthusiastically selected by the Committee and the “white smoke” quickly released up the chimney.</p> <p>Moving quickly before Dan had the chance to challenge the ruling on the field via instant replay, the Committee began discussing a replacement for Dan as Editor of the CLEW Newsletter. Jean Lucey was selected as Editor with Tom Veitch and Nancy Adams as Associate Editors. Dan will complete the Newsletter issue he is working on now and Jean will take over from there.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: New Chairperson (after Atlanta): Dan Free; New Editor of Newsletter: Jean Lucy, Associate Editors: Tom Veitch and Nancy Adams. Use Web Site Announcement feature to solicit articles from CLEW members.</p>		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Inform Society of new Chairman	Donn McVeigh	Now
Send web site announcement seeking articles	Chip Boylan	April
8) Seminars		

Discussion:

Kevin Letcher reported that the March 15th seminar in Chicago: “Important Topics for the Property and Casualty Insurance Professional” was a success with close to 60 attendees. Kevin is planning another seminar titled: “The New World of Claim Handling” with the same law firm. Two dates in September at locations in Detroit and Indiana are being considered.

Kevin also agreed to work on a seminar for the Annual Meeting in 2006 and an additional seminar during the 05 – 06 Society year. He is investigating a program involving the Federal Reserve and Fraud/Banking issues with the idea of planning something different from our standard themes.

Steve Stinson knows the professor who runs the insurance/risk management program at Middle Tennessee State. Steve will contact this gentleman with the thought of developing a program for the 2006 Annual Meeting in Nashville.

John DiLiberto brought up a potential joint seminar with the Personal Lines and Claims Sections on Modern Automobile Technologies/Black Boxes. The Committee instructed John to commit us to this endeavor. John later reported that the seminar is tentatively planned for November in Orlando, Florida.

Conclusions: See Above

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
See above	Various	Ongoing

9) 2005 Annual Meeting/ Mock Trial		
<p>Nancy Adams, Greg Deimling, John DiLiberto, Dick Rupp and Stan Lipshultz are working on the program and have established a good framework for the presentation. In keeping with the Atlanta meeting “Fraud” theme the case will involve the rescission of a D & O policy, IT Departments, Application “modifications” and other shenanigans that the Committee members are far too well acquainted with. Stan will work with the IT Section for help with technical issues. We received positive feedback last year on the use of a Narrator and will use this technique again in Atlanta.</p> <p>All Committee Members were asked to be available to play roles as needed in Atlanta.</p> <p>One suggestion: we should develop articles for the CLEW Newsletter on issues related to this case.</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Prepare Mock Trial Program	See Above	Atlanta
10) Staff Report		
<p>John Kelly and briefly discussed our March Chicago seminar and the seminars in September that Kevin Letcher is working on. John suggested that we post the Chicago Seminar Power Point presentation on the CLEW web site for viewing by CLEW members.</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Add Chicago Seminar Presentation to CLUE Web Site	Chip Boylan	ASAP
11) Retreats		

Norm Steinberg reported on the Bermuda Retreat that we had to cancel due to low registration. The Committee's conclusion was that the primary reason registration was low was due to the high cost of hotel rooms in Bermuda in the busy month of May. Travel costs probably also reduced registration. For future planning we should seek onshore locations that some attendees can drive to.

The Committee discussed holding a Retreat next year and arrived at the following conclusions:

When: Immediately after the Society's Mid-Year Meeting; Saturday night reception; half day sessions on Sunday and Monday;
 Where: Phoenix, at the same hotel as the Mid-Year Meeting;
 Possible Topics: 1) Ramifications of Spitzer investigations; 2) Transparency – What Does it Mean? 3) Agent/Broker Role in this; 4) Resiliency in the Face of This.

Norm Steinberg and Steve Stinson will Co-Chair and report back at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

Conclusions: See Below

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Investigate Retreat for next Spring	Norm Steinberg and Steve Stinson	Atlanta Meeting

12) Research Project

Do we want to do another Research Project? One possible topic: Various State laws on policy rescission.

Conclusion: The Publications Committee (see 6 and 7 above) can focus on this in the future.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
None		

13) Web Site

Chip Boylan circulated the Web Site home page for updating of Committee telephone #'s, etc.

Jean Lucey indicated that the Society's site makes it difficult to locate a name such as "McVeigh" (a space is sometimes included between the c and V). Chip will discuss this with the Society staff. It was suggested that the web site Announcement feature be used more often to send messages to the Committee Members.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Discuss “name” problem with Society staff.	Chip Boylan	ASAP
	14) New Business	
Donn McVeigh announced that the next three Annual Meetings after Atlanta (2006 in Nashville, 2007 in Hawaii and 2008 in Philadelphia will be held in September not October so Committee Member should plan accordingly.		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
None	N/A	

Board Recommendations: None

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