

Legal Service to Public Committee  
Committee/Section Day Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2007

Present at the meeting were: Al Azen, Sandy Ballard, Norma Chase, Jim DeAngelo, Karen Detamore, Susan Emmons, Jeff Ernico, Michael Fetzner, Elizabeth Fritsch (Co-Chair), Sylvia Hahn, Jim Kearney, Barbara Kittrell, Sam Milkes, Bob Racunas, Art Read, Joanne Ross (Co-Vice Chair), Andy Susko (PBA President-Elect), Crystal Tummala, Tom Wilkinson. David Trevaskis represented the Pennsylvania Bar Association

On the phone were: Lorrie Albert, David Baxter, Vicki Coyle, Karen Forman, Iva Munk and Sam Rosenzweig

The meeting began at 10:45 a.m. with the introduction of PBA President-Elect Andy Susko who enunciated his efforts to renew the PBA's commitment to pro bono service. He then shared his draft pro bono proposal with the Committee. There was significant support for the proposal but many questions as well. The biggest concerns raised were concerning the relationship between the PBA proposal and county bar pro bono standards (the need for this PBA proposal not to interfere with established funding and service efforts) and whether there needed to be an hourly minimum pro bono service mandated in the proposal.

The discussion of the proposal dominated the meeting. Susko thanked everyone for their input and promised that he would work through the concerns with his Ad Hoc Pro Bono Proposal Task Force and the Committee in time to have a proposal for Committee consideration prior to bringing it forward from the Committee at the Annual Meeting upcoming in June and at the June House of Delegates Meeting.

PBA Pro Bono Coordinator David Trevaskis made a brief presentation about the upcoming May 22, 2007 Children's Summit/Pro Bono Conference in Harrisburg at the Hilton Towers and Hotel. He encouraged all members of the Committee to attend and noted that the Committee's Pro Bono Awards would be distributed at that time. Sam Milkes added that the PLAN legal aid conference would be held in conjunction with the Outreach to Children's Summit and he said he expected the event to be a huge success.