



CHICAGO-KENT STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

General Assembly Meeting Agenda

October 28, 2014

Room 520

5 PM to 7 PM

- A. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM.
- B. Roll Call
  - a. The following members were not present from the General Assembly:
    - i. Maureen Bitonio
    - ii. R.J. Poole
    - iii. Molly Davis
    - iv. Rebecca Sundin
    - v. Rebecca Charles
    - vi. Philip DeVon
- C. Welcome New GA Members
  - a. New 1L evening reps appointed:
    - i. Philip DeVon
    - ii. Cassandra Garcia
- D. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- E. Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Professionalism Reminder
      - 1. Casey has asked that each member of the GA internally and externally conduct business in a professional manner. Feel free to bring in Casey for help should problems arise.
    - ii. Committees
      - 1. Some Committee members were reassigned. New 1L Committee assignments. See appendix 1 for the new assignments.
  - b. Day Vice President
    - i. Requests that the chair of each committee reach out to new/reassigned members of the committee and inform them about the roles and upcoming events within the committee. Please keep Odell informed about which committees are hosting which events.
  - c. Evening Vice President
    - i. Will try to host an event at the end of the semester, possibly coffee/donuts, just to interact. Also, Manny is looking into hosting an event at the beginning of next semester.
    - ii. A bar review course is normally not funded by a loan. Casey has been discussing financing options with Dean Krent 1.) financing a bar review course over the course of 6 semesters and 2.) potentially receiving a discount because of this financing option. This is still an open ended matter. Any feedback is welcome.
  - d. Treasurer



- i. Funding request meetings and times are on track and the system seems to be working well.
      - ii. The Anita Alvarez event is the same night as Conviser. Social committee will set aside some tickets for people who wish to attend both events. They can pay for wristbands for Conviser at the Alvarez event and pick up the wristband at Hubbard Inn.
    - e. Secretary
      - i. Explanation of minutes and next steps : Moving forward, the SBA would like to amend the bylaws to give guidance to the Secretary concerning meeting minute approvals. Miranda requested a member motion to delegate the following powers to the Secretary: 1.) autonomy to send out minutes to the GA in a reasonable time following the meeting 2.) ability to request the GA to approve the minutes in a manner she deems appropriate, but likely, this will occur via Google poll 3.) make non-substantive changes, such a name changes, without re-approving the minutes and 4.) require changes that are substantive to be re-approval. This will remain in place until the executive board members can work with the Parliamentarian to update the bylaws on this matter.
      - ii. Odell proposed. Second by Brandon Johnson. There was a unanimous approval of this motion.
    - f. CBA
      - i. Keep an eye on the SBA announcements for the CBA events.
    - g. ISBA
      - i. Update on meeting via conference call: Dave attended a call-in conference. In order to bolster ISBA event attendance, the ISBA hopes to host events at the law schools. Therefore, Chicago Kent will hope to host and ISBA event at our school ISBA does have money available (\$300 cap) for student organization that work with ISBA on student events. Please contact David Welch for more information.
    - h. ABA
      - i. Career development opportunities are available at the ABA headquarters.
      - ii. ABA signup numbers have increased from previous year. However, there are some SBA GA members that are not members. Dan requests that GA members sign up.
      - iii. Dan still needs written stories concerning receiving academic credit for paying jobs.
- F. Committee Reports
  - a. Barrister's
    - i. Poll results: The poll results are in. There is a Barrister's meeting after the GA meeting. The committee needs to evaluate the financial specifics regarding the location and discuss how they will inform the student body of the ultimate location.



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- ii. David Welch asked if the students were aware of the time restrictions. Odell answered that the committee will have to discuss more with the specific location concerning time for money exchange.
- iii. In the past, the delegation decision was wholly given to the committee. This is the most student involvement that has occurred in the discussion of location. The committee needs to determine the location with speed.
- iv. The GA discussed the pros and cons of locations. For instance, choosing 1 location with a high rental budget will decrease the budget that can be used for activities at the party. Alternatively, a more expensive location could lead to an event at a Chicago landmark.
  - 1. Miranda advocated for deferring to the committee for all decisions.
  - 2. Joleen stated that the persons commenting on the matter should be more informed on the financial aspects that contribute to choosing a location.
  - 3. Brendan voiced that going with the least popular option on the poll could be a poor idea.
  - 4. Odell wants to discuss the results of the poll with the committee.
  - 5. Alex questioned how we consider the votes for the third location if we narrow the venue options down to two.
  - 6. The 3L vote was evenly spread across the various locations, despite the fact that the event was held on the Odyssey for the past two years. Manny has heard 3L opposition. Alternatively, Dan communicated that 3Ls have said that while there is a general wish to move location, they would still like the number of activities at Barrister's to remain the same or increase and that the 3Ls understand the financial constraints.
  - 7. A small number of students have expressed concern about hosting the event at the Shedd aquarium out of concern for the animal's reaction to loud music.
- v. The event can be held from 7 PM - 12 AM regardless of location.
- b. Career Development
  - i. 5 under 5 is November 12, 5:30-7:30 in the lobby. They have 4 out of 5 alumni prepared to attend, and the discussion is occurring for the 5th person. The discussion is occurring with CSO concerning food and beverage.
- c. Curriculum
- d. Diversity
  - i. Holiday Fest (Dec. 2, 2014)
    - 1. Rebecca could not attend today; Casey will discuss on her behalf. The diversity committee hopes to host an inclusive holiday-based event.
- e. Finance
- f. Marketing



- i. FB content from other student organizations
  - 1. At the last meeting, the marketing committee discussed the desire to have other student organizations contribute to our FB and other social media feeds. We hope that this will occur via tagging, sharing, or in the alternative, emailing suggestions.
- ii. Creating FB events
  - 1. Please contact a member of the marketing committee when creating an event. This is so the event is promoted by SBA and the event will read “hosted by SBA” and not, for example, “hosted by Odell”. The person will then make the individual event planner a host.
- g. Philanthropy
  - i. SBA/PAD blood drive update – teaser: HUGE SUCCESS!
    - 1. Kent had an unprecedented success in the amount of students to sign up.
  - ii. Spotlight on Service
    - 1. The philanthropy would like to bring back Spotlight on Service. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.
- h. Social
  - i. Halloween Costume Contest and Bar Review (Oct. 30, 2014).
    - 1. SHN event will follow. The social committee may host a bar review to follow.
    - 2. Ian will be handling the logistics of the picture portion of the costume contest.
    - 3. Casey requested that the picture taking table would move because the administration has already reserved the lobby table space for a breast cancer awareness event.
  - ii. Conviser (Nov. 6, 2014)
    - 1. Conviser will be hosted at Hubbard Inn. There are some logistics that the committee will need to handle. The price is \$5 for a three-hour deal. The bar selection is premium.
    - 2. Casey updated about the history of Conviser party.
- i. School Relations
- j. Technology
  - i. Information session complete; website update: There are new members in the technology committee. David would like to meet with members briefly after the meeting.
- k. Talent Show
  - i. This will occur in April. Updates to follow.
- G. Old Business
- H. New Business
  - a. Nicholas DeRyke - Proposal of PoLSKA
    - i. Presentation



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1. Changes since last meeting: 2L treasurer in place. Executive board complete. Nicholas has reached out to the national Polish legal organizations. Nicholas has become a member of these in order to facilitate this connection.
  2. Events: Philanthropy based event in potential partnership with the Justinian Society. They would like to collect mittens/hats and give soup to homeless persons. In the Spring, the largest event revolves around a Polish holiday near Easter. It could involve pouring water on others symbolizing love.
  3. Professor Warner is affiliated with an organization that promotes Kent to Polish students. He hopes to leverage this for increased LLM participation.
  4. Professor Warner would like to link PoLSKA with the Consulate General located in Chicago.
  5. John Marshall is the other law school in Chicago that has a Polish based law student organization. Nicholas posits that this increases the need for this organization.
- ii. Open discussion
    1. Odell thinks that 1.) the event planning initiatives and 2.) the lack of other schools that include a Polish law student society both provide support for the new student organization.
  - iii. Relevant discussion before vote:
    1. Dan is convinced that the presentation is more informed than the first. Odell concurred.
  - iv. Call to question:
    1. Brendan
    2. Alex
  - v. Voting
    1. No oppositions or abstentions. Approved unanimously.
- b. Claire Stephens - Proposal of The Art and Cultural Property Law Society
- i. Presentation
    1. ACPLS has been an organization in years past, including last year but no one carried on the organization. Claire hopes to reinstate.
    2. They have held their first meeting with approximately 20 members attending, not including others who have expressed interest. Mention of student art gallery walk.
    3. They have discussed some potential events including, but not limited to, raising awareness cultural heritage promotion. They have begun inviting speakers to discuss topics related to this.
    4. They also hope to create a database for students interested in focusing their legal careers with a cultural heritage background.
    5. They would also like to work with DePaul.
  - ii. Open discussion



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1. Brendan: How is this different from other organizations such as IP law society? Cultural property does overlap with IP law, but IP society does not adequately address the issues. Cultural heritage is a rising issue worldwide, and this organization would like to bring this to light.
  2. Militza: Who is on the board? They have a four position board with a diversity in student experience. They also have a faculty advisor.
  3. Lindsay: What is cultural heritage law? It is largely legislative based and deals with, among other things, regulations, wartime activities, and cultural property extending beyond “items” and encompassing history.
  4. Casey: Can you work with IPLS? We can team up for events.
  5. Casey: Will you be prohibited from accomplishing your goals without a separate organization status? Do not think that there will be able to do as much if not given their own status.
- iii. Relevant discussion before vote:
    1. Dan and others attended events that this organization in the past. Ian also participated. They both feel that the events were well done.
    2. Ian does not think that the overlap with IPLS is so great that they should be prevented from creating a group. They have an interest in an area of the law unique enough for a group to explore.
    3. Odell feels this will be an outlet for art appreciation.
    4. Wyatt thinks this is a good opportunity to connect with the art community.
    5. Cassandra thinks that this may also be a good outlet to learn about international art and culture.
  - iv. Call to question:
    1. David
    2. Dan
  - v. Voting
    1. No opposition or abstentions. Approved unanimously.
- I. Announcements/ Reminders
    - a. Next Meeting: November 16, 2014



Appendix 1

**SBA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2014-2015**

**Finance** – Lindsay Hicks (Chair)

- 1) Dan McGinnis
- 2) Brendan Crowley
- 3) Alex Brinkmeier
- 4) Amber Lukowicz
- 5) Molly Davis
- 6) Logan Meyer
- 7) Corey Shadowitz
- 8) Ad hoc Kyle Swanson
- 9) Ad hoc Kenny Matuszewski

**Curriculum** – Manny Trejo (Chair)

- 1) Rebecca Sundin
- 2) Militza Pagan
- 3) Aisha Shotande
- 4) Jeff Martensen
- 5) Alex Brinkmeier
- 6) Philip DeVon

**Barristers** – Gabi Sneeringer/Amber Lukowicz/Odell Mitchell III (Co-Chairs)

- 1) Joleen East
- 2) Ian Dible
- 3) Brandon Johnson
- 4) Ad hoc Tracey Harkins
- 5) Ad hoc Sasha Beckov

**Marketing** – Odell Mitchell (Chair)

- 1) Miranda Crowell
- 2) Rebecca Sundin
- 3) Jeff Martensen
- 4) Joël Zängerle
- 5) Sarah Tunney
- 6) Joleen East
- 7) Adam Farag
- 8) Aisha Shotande



**Career Development** – Alex Brinkmeier (Chair)

- 1) Wyatt Berkover
- 2) Rebecca Sundin
- 3) Sarah Tunney
- 4) Molly Davis
- 5) Anna Kuniewicz
- 6) Ad hoc Helene Belcerac
- 7) Ad hoc Vivian Millan

**Diversity** – Rebecca Charles

- 1) Maureen Bitonio
- 2) Jeff Martensen
- 3) R.J. Poole
- 4) Joël Zängerle
- 5) Militza Pagan
- 6) Cassandra Garcia

**Philanthropy** – Dave Welch (Chair)

- 1) Miranda Crowell
- 2) Rebecca Charles
- 3) Joël Zängerle
- 4) Wyatt Berkover
- 5) Philip DeVon
- 6) Adam Farag
- 7) Corey Shadowitz
- 8) Logan Meyer

**SBA Awards** – Lindsay Hicks (Chair)

- 1) Wyatt Berkover
- 2) Alex Brinkmeier
- 3) Brandon Johnson
- 4) Rebecca Charles
- 5) Dave Welch
- 6) Joleen East



**School Relations** – Militza Pagan/Maureen Bitonio (Co-Chairs)

- 1) Sarah Tuney
- 2) Aisha Shotande
- 3) Amber Lukowicz
- 4) Cassandra Garcia
- 5) Molly Davis
- 6) Logan Meyer

**Social** – Brandon Johnson (Chair)

- 1) Ian Dible
- 2) Gabi Sneeringer
- 3) Odell Mitchell
- 4) Brendon Crowley
- 5) Miranda Crowell
- 6) Anna Kuniewicz
- 7) Ad hoc Helene Belcerac

**Talent Show** – Brandon Johnson (Chair)

- 1) Maureen Bitonio
- 2) R.J. Poole
- 3) Ian Dible
- 4) Manny Trejo
- 5) Adam Farag

**Technology** – Dave Welch (Chair)

- 1) Wyatt Berkover
- 2) Miranda Crowell
- 3) Odell Mitchell
- 4) Lindsay Hicks
- 5) Manny Trejo
- 6) Cassandra Garcia
- 7) Philip DeVon

**Elections** – Brendan Crowley/Dan McGinnis (Co-Chairs)

**Board of Inquiry** – Dave Welch

**Complaint Coordinator** – Miranda Crowell

**Parliamentarian** – Corey Shadowitz