

**MINUTES
LITIGATION SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE
AUGUST 27, 2010**

The telephone conference was called to order at 12:04 PM by Co-Chairs Kathy Beamer and David Riggs.

Attendance was taken and the following individuals were on the call or later joined the call:

I. Attendance:

1. Kathryn M. Beamer
2. David A. Riggs
3. Cinnamin O'Shell, Turk, CPA
4. Sheila Cohen Furr, PhD
5. Tami Clemenza-Wilson, CPA
6. Dr. Alan Braunstein, PhD
7. Erica Foerch
8. Dr. Barbara Kelly, PhD
9. Cathy Lynn Purvis Lively
10. Amy Sumacewski

II. Discussions:

A. Affiliate Survey

- Kathy and David spoke about the affiliate member surveys that were sent out electronically and how out of the 120 affiliate surveys which were sent out they only received 12 responses. This is only 10% of the membership.
- They read some of the comments which were primarily from paralegals and psychotherapists. Comments from the paralegals were that they would like more paralegal information and more communication with the committee.
- Psychotherapist comments focused on speaking engagements and the impact of divorce on the family and the children.

B. Recruitment of members of the committee to solicit completion of survey by associate members

- Kathy discussed that we should resend the survey out again to the 108 members who did not respond. She told us how Magistrate Kirigin suggested that we form a subcommittee and break out the list to follow up with the members to fill it out. Kathy and David volunteered for this task and will send emails out for everyone on the conference call to follow up.

III. New Business

A. Publications by affiliate members

- Publications by new members – “When, Why, We Can Give You What You Need” by Alan Braunstein; Family Commentator – This would be considered for December’s Commentator

B. Soliciting of ideas for committee activities

- Psychologist views – The issue of risk for lawsuits came up again. The expectation of the psychologist role by the attorneys is hard to manage. Their role is misconstrued because they are hired for a specific purpose and not part as the litigation team.
- Writing an article for the commentator on the above and possibly doing a CLE topic on the matter. The issue as to a flaw in the legislation and how we may need to look at and then address it with the legislation committee was discussed.

C. Solicitation of recommendations regarding paralegal continuing education

- Erica commented that a good course for paralegals is to know what an attorney needs to help support them to make everyone’s jobs easier.
- No other paralegals were on the phone call.

Closing comments were made by both Kathy and David and at 12:58 PM David Riggs adjourned the conference call.