

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2008 MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION OF THE
STATE BAR OF NEVADA**

In attendance via video-conference were Mike Buckley, Mary Drury and Sandi Turner at the offices of Marquis & Aurbach in Las Vegas and Pierre Hascheff at the offices of Jones Vargas in Reno. In attendance via teleconference were Matt Watson, Craig Howard, Karen Dennison, Colleen Dolan and Doug Flowers. Absent were Layne Butt, DeArmond Sharp and Dave Davis. The meeting commenced at 4:15 p.m. Joyce Smetanick, legal secretary at Marquis & Aurbach, took the minutes for the meeting.

1. The minutes of the May 20, 2008 and June 17, 2008 meetings were reviewed and approved.

2. The Bylaws of the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the State Bar of Nevada have been signed by all members and have been submitted to the State Bar.

3. Discussion was had about the Real Property Law Section website. Mike Buckley said that the website could be improved by adding content. The following possible items for the website were discussed:

a. Minutes and Agendas. It was agreed that the minutes and agendas of meetings will be posted on the website.

b. Members of Section. It was agreed that the names of the members of the Section will be listed on the website.

c. Subcommittees and Members. It was agreed that the subcommittees and the names of the members of each subcommittee will be listed on the website.

d. Links: Documents. The following were discussed as possible documents which could be posted on the website: the Executive Committee Bylaws, materials and flyers from the workshop at the Annual Meeting.

e. Links: Useful Websites. The following links were discussed as possibilities to be posted on the website: links to regulations and links helpful to real estate attorneys, Real Estate Division website, DIRT website, American College of real Estate Lawyers website, Uniform Commissioners on State Laws website, State Contractors Board website, ALTA and CLTA websites, American College of Mortgage Attorneys website. There was concern about showing any type of preference, such as particular title companies or brokerage firms in linking to websites. It was agreed that it would not be a good idea to post links to profit companies, and that it would be better to post links to governmental non-profits.

f. Section Website "Manager": Lori at the State Bar.

g. Weekly Announcements. There was a discussion as to whether weekly announcements should be posted on the website. Everyone was reminded that Tuesday is the deadline for Thursday E-news.

h. Schedule of Upcoming Events.

i. Newsletters. There was a discussion as to whether the Section should have a newsletter. It was agreed that a newsletter was a lot of work, and that it would be better to focus on the legislative effort, and instead possibly send out updates on bills of interest. Subcommittees should summarize and send out emails to Lori and she will send out blast email through the State Bar, when the occasion arises. There was also a discussion of Members providing short biographies. It was also suggested that possibly there should be a bulletin board posted on the website.

4. The Committee budget was discussed. The Treasurer is DeArmond Sharp. The budget is for the calendar year, not a fiscal year. There are 72 members, which equals \$1,800. There was a discussion as to other possible sources of income. A social event among members in the north and members in the south was discussed as a possibility so that the members of the various subcommittees can meet each other in person. A social committee was formed. DeArmond Sharp and Mary Drury will be on the committee. Mike Buckley is to check with the ABA regarding Real Estate Section seminars as a way to spend our budget.

5. Subcommittee reports were heard from the following subcommittees.

Land Use: Pierre Hascheff said that at the last meeting they discussed "hot topics" that would be tackled. Pierre brought up the question of how many members there should be on any particular subcommittee. It was agreed that size of any subcommittee would be up to the particular subcommittee Chair. Pierre asked that everyone email him possible land use issues. He also asked if anyone could recommend to him someone in the south in public work as a possible member for his subcommittee.

Natural Resources: Craig Howard said that he really did not have anything to report.

Common Interest Communities: Karen Dennison and Mike Buckley said that their subcommittee had a meeting on Monday and they went over positions on the CIC bar committee proposals of 2003, and would be recommending legislation exempting commercial subdivisions from NRS Chapter 119.

Real Estate Finance: Doug Flowers said that his subcommittee formatted the template which was provided by Mike Buckley for legislation and submission to the Executive Committee.

Commercial Leasing: Matt Watson said that they do not have that many issues on the table.

General Real Estate: Mary Drury said that the letters regarding NAC 375 were sent out. Mary Drury relayed the subcommittee's opinion on creating forms versus simply a bank of documents, and it was agreed that the subcommittee needs to be very careful and probably not post any such documents. Mary Drury offered her subcommittee's article writing skills. It was decided that the General Real Estate subcommittee (and all subcommittees) should get through their legislative bill process before concentrating on articles.

Professionalism: No report was given because DeArmond Sharp was absent.

6. The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. Suggested topics for the meeting included internal deadlines for subcommittees for legislation and find sponsors for bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.