



SLA Legal Community
Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

In attendance: Mary Talley (President), Eugene Giudice, Ruth Mallalieu, Sue Mecklem, Amy Noll, Bria O'Brien, Karen Rutherford, Martha Foote

Call to Order

- Mary called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. EST and welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Mary is excited to be president this year and looks forward to working with everyone
- Board meetings will be held as a collaborative community without undue formality

Approval of December 2020 Board Minutes

- Moved by Eugene and carried unanimously

Legal Community Board

Roles and Responsibilities / Goals / Plans

- Mary will post meeting notices to Connect. It is a good way to attract future leaders to the Legal Community. We need to make board roles attractive to potential volunteers.
- Lisa Lopez would like to stay involved. Eugene will put her in touch with Catherine Kitchell to revise the manual and governing documents.
- Amy requested backup for the web site and social media posts. This person would hopefully assume Amy's role at some point.
- There was discussion about revitalizing relationships with our vendor partners. Eugene will spearhead this initiative. Mary noted that the community has a reach that extends beyond SLA and this could be attractive to vendors.
- Mary would like the Legal Community to cover conference expenses for board members whose employers do not pay.
- Bria will do an analysis of our members to learn where they are located. Do we have any members in the Asia/Pacific region? Where are our growth areas?

Legal Community 2021

Programs

- Mary would like to hold programs four times a year: March, June, September, December
- Also have vendor demonstrations
- Programming in 2021 will be a combination of educational events and networking opportunities
- Tentative schedule:
 - March – networking
 - June – educational (project management)
 - September – networking
 - December – TBD
- Ensure that events don't conflict with those of other organizations, e.g. Computers in Libraries
- We will expand access to and market the Legal Community *Docket* and encourage our members to submit articles. Amy noted that we are not locked into the blog format.

Networking

- March networking event on job searching and coping during the pandemic

2021 Conference Program Submissions

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- SLA is holding conference planners meet-ups. Mary encouraged board members to attend these sessions as she has found them useful.
- The Legal Community will propose three programs for the 2021 SLA conference:
 - Crypto-currencies and their impact on banking law, securities law, etc. This session will have an international appeal. Eugene will take the lead and will approach Business & Finance to partner with us.
 - How the COVID-19 vaccine will impact the return to the workplace and implications for labour law. Amy and Eugene will take the lead.
 - Freedom of speech in light of the insurgency at the US Capitol in early January. The focus will be on the legal definitions of sedition and free speech as well as how these topics are treated in other countries. What is protected speech? Eugene will take the lead.
- Eugene suggested a program on using Linked In to perform research. He has a contact at LinkedIn. The board decided that this idea would be better as a webinar.
- Eugene volunteered to write our submissions for SLA. He will send them to the board for review before sending them to SLA.

2019 Member Survey

- No discussion

Hot Topics

- No discussion

Announcements/Other Business

- None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m. EST.