**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

**Via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** Chair Lara Zent called the Public Utility Law Section Council meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

**Present:** Council members Lara Zent, AJ Smullen, Davida Dwyer, Taylor Kilroy, Todd Kimbrough, Evan Johnson, Carsi Mitzner, and Ruben Arrendondo were present. Creighton McMurray, Jamie Mauldin, Natalie Dubiel, and John Carlton were absent. Administrator Lexi Conaway was also present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February 16, 2024, meeting were presented and reviewed by the Council. AJ Smullen MOVED to approve the minutes. Seconded by Davida Dwyer. MOTION CARRIED.

**Chair Updates**: Lara Zent presented the PixelForge quote in the amount of $5,975 for video recording services for the summer conference, which will include some courtesy photos and screen shots for our newsletter. Ruben Arrendondo MOVED to approved. Seconded by Carsi Mitzner. MOTION CARRIED.

Lara next reported on PULS section dues which are currently $20, free for new lawyers, and $20 for law students. Several of the other State Bar Sections provide free dues for law students as an incentive to join and learn about their field, and Lara proposed that PULS do so as well. This would take effect with the next membership renewal year, starting in June 2024. Taylor Kilroy MOVED to change the section dues to be free for law students. Seconded by AJ Smullen. MOTION CARRIED. The Council also discussed asking Jake Stoffle how many law student members we currently have.

Finally, Lara reported on the quote she received from the State Bar to send postcards to Section members publicizing the Summer Conference. The cost to send 593 postcards (6”x4”) is $308 plus $315 for shipping; and the timing recommendation is to send 2-4 months before the event, so Lara recommended we send by the end of May.

**Lunch and Learn Events**: Davida Dwyer hosted the March 1, 2024, Lunch & Learn Webinar which was hosted by the State Bar and reported on how smoothly the event went. She also reported that over 100 Section members registered and around 60 attended.

The Council next discussed the upcoming Lunch & Learn to be held on May 17, 2024, at the State Bar Offices. The Council decided that for the first hour, we would invite lawyers from Enoch Kever PLLC to present on the new Business Court and the Fifteenth Court of Appeals; and that the second hour would be an ethics presentation by Ikenna Okoro with Balch & Bingham PLLC on changing jobs.

Ruben Arrendondo then reported that he was working on a topic and speakers for the June 26, 2024, Lunch & Learn Webinar, that he is hosting.

**Committee Reports:** AJ Smullen reported on the State Bar’s proposed changes regarding the ethics rules; and promoting the State Bar webinars on the subject. He also discussed posting the full meeting minutes on our website, and other website updates.

**Summer Conference:** The Council discussed the summer conference draft agenda, including updates on topics and speakers.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, Lara Zent adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.