**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

**Austin, TX**

**Call to Order:** Chair Lara Zent called the Public Utility Law Section Council Meeting to order at 1:58 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024, at the offices of the State Bar of Texas, 1414 Colorado St, Austin, Texas 78701.

**Present:** Council members present were Lara Zent, AJ Smullen, Creighton McMurray, Natalie Dubiel, Jamie Mauldin, Davida Dwyer, Todd Kimbrough, and Taylor Kilroy. Ruben Arredondo, Carsi Mitzner, Evan Johnson, and John Carlton were absent. Jake Stoffle with the State Bar and Lexi Conaway, the Section Administrator, were also present.

**Report from the Chair:** Lara Zent reported that there are currently no law student members of the Section, and there was only one in the 2022-3 membership cycle. She hopes that the Council’s decision to make membership free to law students starting in 2024 will encourage more membership. She also provided an update on the June 26 CLE Webinar, that Ruben Arrendondo had secured David Munoz Andrade to join him as a speaker, and that Natalie Dubiel drafted a registration e-blast for the State Bar’s Approval.

**Report from the Treasurer:** Treasurer Creighton McMurray provided a financial update, which included the current account balance.

**Summer Conference:** The Council reviewed the Save-the-Date postcard draft. The Council then discussed the speakers and agenda for the summer conference. There was also discussion about securing sponsors at the $2,000, $1,000, and $500 contribution levels consistent with previous years, with a goal to raise $5,000 per previous years’ budgets.

**Communications Committee:** AJ Smullen reported on the topics the Committee plans to include in the Summer Newsletter.

**Social Committee:** Creighton McMurray provided an update on the Happy Hour event at Hotel Ella on August 22, the evening preceding the Summer Conference.

**Nominations Committee:** The Council discussed several attorneys interested in serving on the Council in the next cycle; and AJ reported that the Committee would meet to decide on a slate of nominees to present at the next Council meeting.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, Lara Zent adjourned the meeting at 3:06p.m.