**PUBLIC UTILITY LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**Zoom**

**Call to Order:** Chair Lara Zent called the Public Utility Law Section Council Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024, via Zoom.

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

**Approval of Minutes**: AJ Smullen MOVED to approve the minutes from the April and May meetings. Seconded by Ruben Arredondo. MOTION CARRIED.

**Report from the Chair:** Lara Zent reported on the number of registrants for the upcoming June 26th CLE Webinar and that the Save-the-Date postcard for the Summer Conference was mailed out on June 11th.

**Report from the Treasurer:** Creighton McMurray provided a financial update, which included the current account balance and the proposed 2025 budget for the Council’s approval. After a discussion which included a couple of changes to the proposed budget, AJ Smullen MOVED to approve the budget. Seconded by Todd Kimbrough. MOTION CARRIED.

**Summer Conference:** Lara presented the latest conference agenda with updates on topics and speakers. Evan Johnson and John Carlton gave an update on the water topic and speakers. The Council discussed that sponsorship signup would be part of registration and several council members stated that their firms or organizations planned to sponsor.

**Nominations Committee:** AJ Smullen reported that Carsi Mitzner had agreed to serve as the new Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee recommended reappointing current Council members Jamie Mauldin and Natalie Dubiel. The Committee also considered several new candidates to join the Council and met with all of them. Based on these discussions, the Committee recommended that the two new nominees be Jessica Soos and Jessie Lance. AJ then presented a draft letter to the section members regarding the nominees for the Council’s review. AJ Smullen MOVED to approve the Nomination Committee’s slate of candidates and Draft Letter to the Section. Seconded by Ruben Arrendondo. MOTION CARRIED.

**Communications Committee:** Lara reported on the progress of the spring newsletter. AJ Smullen reported that the State Bar is able to create a high-resolution version of the PULS logo for about $250, which the Council members supported.

**Social Events Committee:** Creighton McMurray provided an update on the Happy Hour event at Hotel Ella on August 22, including that the contract with the Hotel was finalized. It will take place from 5-8 p.m.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business to discuss, Lara Zent adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.