

Membership Committee Meeting

BLS Retreat, Naples, Florida

September 2, 2016

Attendees: Jon Polenberg, Amir Isaiah, Zachary Hyman, Amanda Fernandez, Irwin Gilbert, Candace Dumlari, Mark Stein, James Moon, Mary Anne Norris, Michael Chesal, Sara Paris, Allison Leonard, Woody Pollock, Melanie Damian, Peter Valori, Manny Farach

Scholars: Jessica Hick, Naomi Haden, Maritere Soto Garcia, Courtney Huchinson, Nery Thomlinson, Jordan Goldman, Richard Leonardis, Iran Smuckler, Michael Velhari, P. Torres, Bari Maro, Jeremy Solarsono, Cordell Rawl, Lieten Regis, David Anaston, Alexa Blackman, Adrian Leiva

I. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 2:18
- b. Meeting combined meeting with IMF

II. IMF

- a. Discussed mentoring picnic and having minorities involved in the business law section

III. Scholars Program

- a. Discussed expectations of scholars
- b. Discussed new members toast
- c. Discussed networking and building relationships

IV. Scholars

- a. Discussed that the fees may be too expensive for young lawyers
- b. Law School does not have an organized business law section
- c. Looking for networking opportunity and how the group can expand your career goals
- d. Business law is in everything – students don't necessarily understand this
 - i. If students understood this, would become more involved
- e. Looks for mentorship opportunities in an organization that would like to join
 - i. As law students, unclear what want to do post law school, so mentor helps with the process
 - ii. What do you want from a mentor?
 - 1. Can ask questions regarding why did they choose that path and get guidance
- f. Send representative to schools and expose yourself to those schools to encourage more membership

- g. Candace Balmori asked whether the scholars are in a leadership position and whether they believe their organization would be interested in becoming involved with the section

V. Conclusion

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.