

Judicial Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Judge Penny Roberts:

In attendance: Judge Penny Roberts, Judge David Evans Judge Alfonso Charles, Justice Evelyn Keyes, Justice Pat Pirtle, Judge Kerry Russell, Judge Kelly Moore, Judge Maria Salas-Mendoza, Judge Sam Medrano Jr., Judge Brad Cates, Judge Amanda Metzke, retired Chief Justice Linda Thomas, Justice Paul Green, Judge Mike Keasler, Judge David D. Garcia

Also present: Tracy Nuckols,

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the June 20, 2013, were approved.

Financial Report: The Treasurer presented the financial report of the Judicial Section from June 2013-July 31, 2013. The Board approved the financials as presented.

Chair's Report:

1. Judge Roberts announced the following Chairs to Committees:
 - a) **By-Laws Committee:** Justice Evelyn Keyes
 - b) **Judicial Ethics Committee:** Judge Paul Davis
 - c) **Judicial Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Judge Kelly Moore.
 - d) **Membership:** Justice Elizabeth Lang-Miers
 - e) **Nominations:** Judge Alfonso Charles
 - f) **Resolutions Committee:** Judge Patrice McDonald
 - g) **Website Committees:** Judge Brad Cates
 - h) **Criminal Justice Legislative Committee:** Judge Jean Hughes
2. Discussion regarding sending out a letter to the Associate Judges inviting them to join the Judicial Section

Legislative Session Report: None

Texas Center for the Judiciary Report: None

State Bar Report: Nothing to report

New Business:

Discussion of possible new by-law changes:

1. The Chair must be an active trial judge
2. Roles of liaisons between the boards
3. Chairs cannot run for Chair of both the Judicial Section and the Texas Center for the Judiciary.
4. Over-lapping board Membership(s)
5. By-law "mission" statement in the by-laws

Old Business: Justice Lang-Miers advised the board that the Committee pulled down the proposed amendment to the Model Code of Judicial Conduct at the ABA Conference. She advised the board that the judges would be working with committee to work through these issues.

Adjourn. The next meeting will be on January 9, 2014 in Austin or possible conference call. A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.