

MEETING MINUTES
APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2010
Lake Virginia A/B
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hilton Orlando
6001 Destination Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32819

I. CALL TO ORDER - RAOUL CANTERO, CHAIR

Chair Cantero called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

A guest, Ms. Lisa Tipton, a Communications Consultant with the Board of Legal Specialization & Education for The Florida Bar, made a short presentation. Ms. Tipton spoke regarding promoting board certification outreach communication with non-certified members.

EC Member Wendy Loquasto asked Ms. Tipton about statistics for board certified applications and certified lawyers. Ms. Tipton confirmed that the number of board certified members are up as 7% of bar members are now board certified. This year, for the first time, the Florida Bar had more than 200 applications for board certification. The number of newly certified lawyers for 2010 was up 18% over 2009.

Ms. Tipton explained that adoption and education law as certification specialties have just been added, and that Florida is the first state in nation with these certification areas. Florida now has the greatest number of specialties of any state, with 24, and will continue to add more.

EC Member Chris Carlyle mentioned that the appellate practice certification review course will be held on February 4, 2011 in Miami. Ms. Tipton offered to help to promote the course.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Raoul Cantero introduced himself and then invited attendees to introduce themselves.

The following individuals attended the meeting:

Jack Reiter, Vice-Chair

Chris Carlyle

Valerie Yarbough, Section Liaison

Lance Curry

Brian Gowdy

Rebecca Creed

Wendy Loquasto

Kimberly Jones

Tom Hall

Calianne Lanz

Hala Sandridge

Tony Musto

Tom Warner

Nick Shannin

Barbara Eagen

John R. Hamilton

Judge Alan Lawson

Kristin Norse

Tracy Gunn

Alina Alonso

Roberta Mandel

Harvey Sepler

Robin Bresky

Caryn Bellus, Section Treasurer and Secretary

Matt Conigliaro, Chair Elect

Bretton Albrecht

Carol Rooney

Jack Aiello

Ceci Berman

Judge Mark Polen appeared by telephone

Judge Peter Webster appeared by telephone

Steve Stark appeared by telephone

Immediate Past Chair Dorothy Easley appeared by telephone

June Hoffman, appeared by telephone

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - CARYN BELLUS (EXHIBIT A)

IV. (EXHIBIT B)

The June 2010 meeting minutes were approved, with the correction of adding Harvey Sepler to the attendance list.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Cantero announced that Judge Wolf, the chair of the next appellate judges conference, has approved a joint day with the section and the judges at the next appellate judges conference. The approved joint day will be the Monday of the conference. The conference is set to begin on a Monday night with a reception, and to go through Wednesday afternoon. Chair Cantero appointed CLE Chair Ceci Berman and Chair Elect Matt Conigliaro to the committee that will develop a program for next fall for this conference. There are ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of having another day just for the lawyers attending the conference, while the judges have their judges only day, on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Chair Cantero is hopeful that the Monday event will go so well that the appellate judges will want to continue a joint CLE program with the section in the future.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT - CARYN BELLUS

A. Financial Statements (Exhibit C)

Includes June 2010 (End of Year) and July 2010

Secretary/Treasurer Caryn Bellus presented the budget report and discussed the financial statements. Secretary/Treasurer Bellus explained the section had a good fiscal year. Specifically, last year, it was budgeted that the section would be operating at a deficit of just over \$12,000, and instead there is about \$33,000 available in the bank. However, dues are down this year, and thus, the section must work harder to attract membership.

B. Approval of 2011-2012 Proposed Budget (Exhibit D)

Secretary/Treasurer Bellus discussed the proposed budget and its highlights. Proposed dues are \$60,000. However, this past year, the section recovered only \$55,000. Secretary/Treasurer Bellus explained that CLEs brought in \$14,000, when only \$10,000 was anticipated. Secretary/Treasurer Bellus explained that the highest ticket future change item was line 84205, service programs, which included the expense for phone service provider for the phone CLE. This past year, the section spent \$20,000 with the current provider, but a contract has been entered into with a new provider, with an estimated cost of \$7,000.

The topic of the increased budget expenses for the website was discussed. The section originally budgeted \$6,000 for this item, but it is now being increased to \$11,000, due to actual expenses.

Chair Elect Conigliaro moved to approve the proposed budget and Immediate Past Chair Easley seconded the motion. The EC unanimously approved the proposed budget.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws Amendment Update - Matthew Conigliaro

Chair Elect Conigliaro explained that since the bylaw amendments were approved at the June Bar meeting, they are currently in the stages waiting to be approved by the board of governors. He will let the section know once they are approved.

B. Meetings via Video Conferencing - Jack Reiter

Vice Chair Reiter reported that the first video conferencing meeting is set to go forward once a date is selected, which is anticipated to happen in January. Chair Cantero inquired regarding what the costs will be and if there was a need for budgeting. Vice Chair Reiter explained that he does not believe that there will be any cost, but deferred to Judge Lawson regarding costs. Judge Lawson confirmed there will be no cost.

Publications Chair Tracy Gunn asked if the meeting will solely be an EC meeting. Chair Cantero confirmed, yes, it will be only an EC meeting. Publications Chair Gunn inquired whether committee meetings can also be held. Chair Cantero requested that committee chairs have telephonic conferences prior to the January EC meeting. EC Member Wendy Loquesto inquired as to specific date for the video conference. Vice Chair Reiter confirmed that no date has been selected, but the facilities are ready once date is chosen. Chair Cantero explained that he anticipated that such a meeting will occur mid-January.

Chair Cantero further explained that the Bar meetings for upcoming years will be held in June and January. However, this year's meetings could not be restructured to occur in June and January, but in future years, that will be the schedule. There will be a January meeting in 2012. Given this year's schedule, the section wants to have a video conference meeting in January 2011.

Chair Cantero explained that such a video conference meeting may take place in September in future years.

C. E-filing Update - Tom Warner

Chair Cantero called Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner to give a report on e-filing in the appellate courts. Chair Cantero requested that Past Chair Tom Hall participate in the report, given his experience with this topic at the Florida Supreme Court. Public Advocacy Chair Warner explained that he has received several emails from the First DCA regarding the rules for e-filing which are being implemented. Past Chair Hall reported that the Appellate Technology Committee and Florida Court Technology Commission and, ultimately, the Florida Supreme Court approved at the appellate level two parallel tracks on e-filing, essentially electronic courts, which are both in process right now. The First DCA is up and operating, and has issued administrative orders. Judge Lawson explained that the Fifth DCA is working on their system and plan to try the First DCA's system. The Florida Supreme Court and the Second DCA are trying a different system, which uses the state wide e-filing portal, which is anticipated to begin in February.

There is now a state e-filing portal authority, which is an agency of the state. This authority consists of all the clerks around the state. They held their first meeting on September 22 and the next meeting is scheduled for October in Tallahassee. They are working to design the look of the appellate filing portal. They intend to get feedback on it in the next few weeks and Past Chair Hall explains that it is moving along quickly. Past Chair Hall expects that by this time next year, everyone will be e-filing at the appellate level. However, the hold up with state wide e-filing is that the trial courts need to get their system to be compatible with e-filing.

Judge Lawson added that the 5th DCA has all the servers and hardware needed. The software is being installed on Tuesday. He hopes to be up and running with electronic filing soon.

Past Chair Hall explained that the appellate court part is much simpler than the trial court portion. Thus, he has been told that the appellate courts may be brought online sooner than the trial courts because appellate is so much simpler.

Chair Cantero explained that trial courts have numerous clerks, estimated at 67, some with several clerks within the same circuit. Past Chair Hall agrees and states that many of the trial courts have different electronic systems, and many of the clerks run on many different e-filing programs.

Past Chair Hall explained that he has on his laptop computer a mini video produced by the port authority that will be available on the appellate court websites. However, he did not have a projector, and therefore, could not show the video to the group. He assures the group that appellate e-filing is coming to state with online training available soon.

Chair Cantero inquired as to how e-filing is being funded. Past Chair Hall explained that all e-filing portals are funded by the Florida Clerks Association, exclusively. There will be no cost, except when the initial documents are filed. There will be a filing fee will be \$300, which can be

paid by credit card. There will also be a fee for using the credit card, as the state cannot absorb credit card fee. The suggested fee for using a credit card which is being discussed is \$11.

Chair Cantero confirmed that the First DCA has completely gone to e-filing to the extent that, effective this month, they are no longer permitting paper filing. Chair Cantero calls upon Judge Webster to share his thoughts on new process at the First DCA. Judge Webster explains that there are two parts to it; EDTA, External portal for lawyers, IDTA, internal portal for the judges. Half of the judges are paperless at this point. He thinks that long term it will work out well.

Past Chair Hall adds that the Florida Supreme Court voted yesterday to begin circulating everything electronically internally. There will be no more paper in the court.

Chair Cantero then introduced the visiting President and President Elect of the Florida Bar. President Mayanne Downs commented on the great work being done by the section and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. President Elect Scott Hawkins briefly discussed the issue of judicial funding. He explained that the core mission to advance the preservation and enhancement of judicial funding is critical in the state of Florida because of the growth of the state demands on the infrastructure. He thanked everyone for their time, effort, and hard work. Chair Cantero thanked the guests for coming to the section meeting.

D. Future of CLEs - Ceci Berman, Tom Warner

Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner explained that he has been working with the appellate judges conference as discussed above.

E. Sunsetting of Legislative Positions - Tom Warner

Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner explained that there is nothing new sunsetting this year, but that the legislature is looking at sunseting the pension fund.

Past Chair Tony Musto stated that in June the section sunsetted our legislative positions and in the past we had just reinstated our legislative positions. He believes that at some point we should readopt our prior positions. Chair Cantero asked if the section is taking any legislative positions that are not repetitive of other sections or the board of governors' positions and commented that any position the section intended to take, should be unique to appellate practice. Past Chair Musto commented that he did not believe there was anything controversial or repetitive with the sections past positions.

Public Advocacy Chair Warner commented further that usually there is a discussion with the chair regarding readopting previous legislative positions and suggested that the section get a copy of what was done last year and decide if it wants to readopt or change its positions. Further, he commented that the section may want to take a position on the pension funding issue because the section may want to support the appellate judges in this important part of judicial compensation.

Immediate Past Chair Easley commented that at past meetings she had Public Advocacy Chair Warner suggest whether any of the section's legislative positions should be amended, changed or simply readopted.

Chair Cantero states that Chair Elect Conigliaro has now retrieved the sections three past legislative positions. First, the section opposes amendment of Article V, § 2A of the Florida Constitution which would alter the supreme court's authority to adopt rules for practice and procedures in all courts or that would change the manner by which such rules were appealed by the legislature. Second, the section supports maintaining an independent judiciary. Third, the section supports pay raises for appellate judges and support personnel consistent with the Supreme Court of Florida's budget requests.

Chair Cantero proposed a vote to see if the legislative positions should be readopted. There was a discussion on whether the positions needed to be amended. Publications Chair Tracy Gunn asked if the first position should be made more general. Chair Elect Conigliaro responds that he believes it is general. Chair Cantero explained the history of that position is that each year someone suggests that the Florida Supreme Court should not have rule making authority and that such authority belongs in the legislature. The section believes that this authority belongs in the supreme court, and the position is our statement of opposition to any change in the constitution that would take away authority from the supreme court.

Judge Lawson wants to find out if we can put this vote off until the January meeting. Past Chair Tom Hall comments that he does not believe that there is a specific time frame in which the legislative positions are needed, but that the Florida Bar wants them as quickly as possible because there will be committee meetings starting next month.

Past Chair Musto moves to readopt the legislative positions. Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner seconds the motion.

Immediate Past Chair Easley inquires regarding whether any of the legislative positions are moot or outdated. She further explains that if the answer is no, then she agrees with Past Chair Hall that the section does need to readopt them as soon as possible, specifically the first one. Chair Cantero explains that such measures are proposed every year. Judge Lawson explains that the person proposing these changes is the incoming speaker of the house and that it is very likely that there will be another proposal later on in the year.

Chair Elect Conigliaro asked if anyone could make a suggestion to "tweak" the third legislative position regarding supporting pay raises for appellate judges and support personnel in order to address the pension situation. He believes doing this could avoid a later amendment in 2011. Immediate Past Chair Easley suggested that Public Advocacy Chair Warner, Judge Lawson and Chair Elect Conigliaro meet to craft some language. Public Advocacy Chair Warner and Chair Cantero suggested a later vote by email to approve this proposed language. Chair Cantero explained that the EC will not be the only section taking these legislative positions. Past Chair Musto suggested readopting these positions for now, and then later adopting another legislative position regarding the pension. Chair Cantero is concerned with what may happen if the EC adopts these and

they go before the board of governors, are approved, and then the section brings up another amendment afterwards. Judge Lawson explained that with regard to the third position, regarding salary increases, he does not believe there is going to be any other requests. Past Chair Hall thinks that they are going to ask for the 2% they lost, although the request is not final and still undergoing further discussions. Chair Cantero thinks it may be appropriate to vote on first and second positions today, and wait on the third one. EC Member Chris Carlyle suggested amending all three. Judge Lawson again stated that the third one may not be requested. EC Member Harvey Sepler asks if the positions need to be submitted to the board of governors. Chair Cantero confirms that they do. EC Member Sepler proposes a vote on the first and second positions and that the section wait to see if the third one is necessary. Immediate Past Chair Easley agrees. Past Chair Musto accepts the amendment to his motion. Past Chair Hall seconds the motion. The EC unanimously voted to readopt the section's previous first and second legislative positions.

F. Moot Court Update - Jack Aiello

Past Chair Jack Aiello explained that he is forming a committee, which everyone is welcome to join, to study the section's relationship with the high school moot court competition and what more the section can do to enhance the relationship. He suggested, perhaps, providing more coaching, expertise and other incentives which the section can offer to make the experience better for everyone. Chair Cantero explained that this is a committee where we can use more young lawyers.

G. Update on Judicial Disqualification Legislature - Tom Warner

Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner explained that the direct knowledge he has is that the senate judiciary committee called him for interview. He explained that the substantive rules regarding the disqualification of a judge are provided by statute while the procedural issues of recusal are governed by court rules. Should there be changes or amendments, some work can be done specifically on two issues that statutes do not cover: 1) extrajudicial speech, (campaign speech on issues), 2) Campaign. Those two items are being studied by the committee. Public Advocacy Chair Warner believes the committee will produce a report in the fall prior to legislative session as to recommendation for the senate. Public Advocacy Chair Warner believes that Jerry Richmond has been working on such a proposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stetson - AP Workshop - Peter Webster

Chair Cantero explained that the workshop had been discontinued, but may be revitalized in the future. Judge Webster suggested that Past Chair Tom Hall may be best to give the latest update. Past Chair Hall explained that he ran into someone at June meeting from Stetson, and that this person told him that Stetson enjoyed having the seminar, but that they had done away with CLE department and but was thinking of reinstating the department. Past Chair Hall advised this person that the section may be interested in a workshop in the future. Past Chair Hall also explained that have been discussions with the Dean, who is very interested. Past Chair Tom Elligett and CLE Chair

Ceci Berman have agreed to head up the workshop. They are looking into dates in July. Judge Webster states that he believes they are looking into are July 26-29, 2011.

B. Joint Judicial Conference - Ceci Berman, Matthew Conigliaro

Chair Cantero spoke on this topic earlier in the meeting. Nothing further was added here.

C. Joint AJC-APS Reception - June Hoffman

Programs Chair June Hoffman is on the phone. She reports that the section hosted a successful reception at the appellate judges conference on September 12th in Ponte Vedra.

In November of last year, the section hosted a national reception in Florida, which Judge Warner headed. Programs Chair Hoffman thanked the Officers and EC Members who attended, Raoul Cantero, Matt Conigliaro, Jack Reiter, Dorothy Easley, Steve Lang, Chris Carlyle, Rebecca Creed, Brian Gowdy, Tony Musto, herself, Tom Warner, and Tom Hall. Programs Chair Hoffman stated that she received very positive feedback from Judge Cory Ciklin of the Fourth DCA. Judge Webster commented that all of the DCA judges who attended the reception, were very appreciative of what the section's participation. Chair Cantero commented that he knows that the section members appreciated the opportunity to interact with the judges on a social level and that the section looks forward to more opportunities to engage in this kind of event.

D. Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute - Matt Conigliaro

Chair Cantero called on Chair Elect Matt Conigliaro to discuss the 11th Circuit Appellate Practice Institute. Chair Elect Conigliaro wanted to let everyone know that the 11th Circuit Appellate Practice Institute is a two day CLE in Atlanta. The section became involved the first time it was held in 2006, and repeated its involvement in 2008. The section plans to participate again this year. Chair Elect Conigliaro explains that this is not a formal CLE of the section, but rather put together by a group of people from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. He has received a box of brochures for the Institute and was asked to mail them out to section members. Has not been mailed them yet, but wanted to make a motion to approve the expenditures of funds to mail them out to all 1400 section members. Section Liaison Valerie Yarbough confirmed that the cost of postage is roughly around \$0.10 per item, roughly \$150 total. Chair Elect Conigliaro stated that he can do a blast email also, but the organizers would like the actual brochure mailed. Chair Elect Conigliaro further mentioned that when the 11th Circuit Appellate Practice Institute was first initiated in 2006, the section contributed \$1500 to the initial presentation of the event. Since then, the section has not contributed financially to the event.

Chair Elect Conigliaro moved to expend whatever necessary, roughly \$150, to mail out brochures to all section members to promote the event. Immediate Past Chair Easley seconded the motion. Past Chair Tom Hall asked if he could amend the motion to include a mailing list for certified appellate lawyers who may not be members of the section. Past Chair Hall believes that the brochures should be sent to them as well as they are a good audience. He believes that there are some board certified appellate lawyers, especially ones who practice only in Federal Court, who are

not section members and that this may also be a recruitment opportunity. Chair Elect Conigliaro stated that he believes that there are fewer than 200 board certified appellate lawyers, roughly, when you add criminal appellate lawyers, the number may total near 300. Adding these people, would take the mailing total from 1400 members to roughly 1700.

Chair Cantero moved to amend the motion to approve up to \$200 in postage for mailing the brochures. Chair Elect Conigliaro accepted the amendment. Past Chair Musto asked if an announcement can also be inserted into The Record. Chair Cantero explained that an issue of The Record was just released in September, and the next issue is in November, which is after this event. Immediate Past Chair Easley asked for dates of the 11th Circuit Appellate Practice Institute. EC Member Bryan Gowdy, who is speaking at the event, confirmed it is actually October 14-15 in Atlanta, Georgia. EC Member Gowdy suggested that the brochures needed to be sent right away. Chair Cantero requested this be done by email and with an attached PDF. Immediate Past Chair Easley agreed. Section Liaison Valerie Yarbough explained that the bulk mailing may take up to 10 days. Immediate Past Chair Easley suggests only doing the PDF email at this junction. Chair Cantero suggests that the amount of the postage, \$200, be approved as there is still time to do the mailing. A vote is taken. There is 1 “nay”, EC Member Barbara Eagen who believes that the brochures will arrive too late. The amount of \$200 for postage to mail these brochures is approved by the EC.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Cantero will be reporting to the Board of Governors at their meeting next week about the section and requests an email report from each committee regarding what has been done in past year and plans for next year for each committee chair.

A. Continuing Legal Education - Ceci Berman, Chair

CLE Chair Berman reported that CLEs are on schedule for the rest of this year. There is a CLE on December 3rd at the Third DCA for paralegals and legal assistants. In the Spring, there will be a CLE with the criminal section, and CLEs on Hot Topics and practice before the Second DCA are also scheduled. Chair Elect Matt Conigliaro will be assisting at the Second DCA. The Guide Editor Rebecca Creed and Pro Bono Committee Chair Brian Gowdy are doing the Hot Topics CLE. Next fall there is another paralegal CLE at Second DCA, which Chair Elect Conigliaro will chair. The paralegal and legal assistant CLE is being rotated to all DCAs. Creed and Gowdy will chair it at the First DCA. New CLE volunteers are needed. CLE Chair Berman explains that everyone has been doing great work, and acknowledges Bretton Albrecht.

CLE Chair Berman mentions that at the Appellate Judicial Conference, Jaime Moses offered the idea of having more CLE's and having young lawyers observe oral arguments, similar to what they do at the Florida Supreme Court.

The Appellate Practice workshop and the telephone series were discussed.

Chair Cantero mentions that EC Member Chris Carlyle is the chair of the telephone CLEs. He needs interested topics and speakers. It is requested that any suggestions for topics and/or speakers be emailed to Ccarlyle@appellatelawfirm.com.

B. Outreach Committee - Robin Bresky, Chair

Outreach Committee Chair Robin Bresky reports that she is new as the Outreach Committee Chair. She is looking for members and ideas. As a follow-up to Jaime Moses' idea that the DCAs have young lawyers watch oral arguments, they are working to set up such arrangements for the spring. She is hopeful that the young lawyers will have the opportunity to meet the appellate judges and attorneys after oral arguments and ask questions.

C. Pro Bono - Bryan Gowdy, Chair

Pro Bono Chair Bryan Gowdy reports that Section Member Nick Shannin has discovered that some funding may be made available by the Florida Bar Foundation to cover transcript costs and other things that cannot be waived when client is indigent. The details of such funding are still being worked out, and Pro Bono Chair Gowdy hopes to have something confirmed by October 15th. In addition, the committee is trying to do a better job of tracking data on appeals being handled by the committee for future funding requests and other uses.

D. Pro Se Handbook - Kimberly Jones, Editor

Pro Se Handbook Editor Kimberly Jones reports that the handbook committee is still working on the things which were discussed at the last meeting. This includes gathering data for grant applications, which will be submitted to the Florida Bar next year.

The committee has come across some issues involving attorneys using the handbook, not pro se litigants. There have been discussions regarding whether or not the format of the handbook needs to be changed, to prevent lawyers from using the book.

It is mentioned that the primary reason why hard copy publication of the Handbook is needed, although expensive, is because there is no other way to give incarcerated litigants access. EC Member Wendy Loquesto suggested the idea of a publishing only a hard copy of a slimmed down version of the Handbook which would include only has the chapters that are relevant to such litigants, like criminal appeals, which could decrease the cost of the hard copy publication.

The committee is also continually cataloging questions and ideas that need to be updated and will be discussed in Fall 2011.

E. Programs - June Hoffman, Chair

Programs Chair June Hoffman stated that she hoped everyone enjoyed the dessert reception at the last meeting, an evening in Tuscany.

Programs Chair Hoffman discussed that the committee is preparing to select a theme for next year's dessert reception, which will take place on Thursday evening. She welcomes any suggestions of different themes. Chair Cantero mentions that sponsors are obtained for the dessert reception and that sponsorships were down from the previous year. He hopes to have sponsorship back up again for the next year's reception.

F. Public Advocacy / Legislation - Tom Warner, Chair

Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner stated that he did not believe there was anything more to add than what was already covered at the meeting. Public Advocacy Chair Warner asks for input if anyone sees an important issue at the upcoming legislative session.

G. Publications - Tracy Gunn, Chair

Publications Chair Tracy Gunn reported that the publications committee met this morning. She mentions that the publications consist of The Guide, The Record, and The Bar Journal, and that the editor of each publication reported on what is going on with those publications.

Publications Chair Gunn mentioned that one new thing is that The Guide, which is now entirely online, had a lot of links that needed to be repaired. Cassandra Sapp volunteered to do quarterly checks of those links to be sure that they are up to date and is getting that information to the website people as needed.

Publications Chair Gunn further mentioned that there has been some discussion of the reduction in the number columns the section will be given in The Bar Journal, but for right now we still have 10 columns for next year. Publications Chair Gunn stated that there will be a committee telephone meeting before the EC meeting in January.

Publications Chair Gunn mentioned that new people are needed to write articles. The Bar Journal does not allow a person to be published more than once within a 12 month period. Publications Chair Gunn requests EC Members to advise her if they know of people who might like to write.

1) The Record - Alina Alonso, Editor

The Record Editor Alina Alonso explained that the summer issue of The Record was released on September 8th, and that issues will be releasing again in mid-late November, February and May. She is set for the next issue, which will contain 9 articles. She requested that if anyone is interested in contributing to The Record, please contact her.

2) The Guide - Rebecca Creed, Editor

The Guide Editor Rebecca Creed reported that The Guide was recently updated with new information. It is now current, and additional information has been added, including on the Supreme Court of the United States page. She requests that if there are any problems using The Guide, please

contact her directly. Her committee is currently working on an Inside the Courts article. She thanked Kristin Norse, Kimberly Jones, and Roy Wasson for helping to find volunteers. She stated that two new volunteers helping are Shannon Tamm from the Second DCA and Bretton Albrecht from the Fifth DCA. She explains that it is planned that some of the judge's articles will be published in The Record and that longer versions with the judge's bios attached will be added online as part of The Guide.

3) Florida Bar Journal Articles - Kristin Norse

EC Member Norse reported that she is always looking for new authors and new articles. She has a list of articles that the Publications Committee has come up with, and they are looking for authors. The Bar Journal Articles are on schedule. She explains that two articles have already been submitted to the Bar Journal, which are awaiting publication. Three more articles are in the editing process.

H. Website - Jonathan Streisfeld, Chair

Website Chair Jonathan Streisfeld is on the phone. He asked that if anyone needs anything publicized, please let him know as early as possible, including save the dates. He is always looking for contents for email blasts and for the website. He explained that each of the section's committees has a page devoted to it on the website. EC Member Barbara Eagen inquires whether he is going to do a blast on the 11th Circuit seminar. Website Chair Streisfeld explained that he is actually preparing the email for that now and will get the PDF attachment format from Chair Elect Conigliaro.

Chair Cantero inquired regarding the budget and increased cost for website as it appears that in the last three years, costs have gone from \$4,000 to \$5,000 to \$11,000 to \$11,500. Chair Cantero inquires regarding why the costs have increased so dramatically and if the section should anticipate for costs to continue to increase or if they have leveled off. Website Chair Streisfeld explains that he is not certain of the details, but questions whether the total includes Lisa Graham's work on the pro se handbook or whether that was separately billed. He requested that Section Liaison Valerie Yarbough send him the bills and he will look at them and attempt to keep the costs down. He also mentions that the website was redesigned last year, which could also explain some of the expense.

Immediate Past Chair Easley, on the phone, mentioned that Lisa Graham is supposed to keep the expenses separate for the Pro Se Handbook. When the bills are submitted, the accounting should separate the handbook expenses versus the website. She explained that such separation is also needed for Pro Se Handbook grant funding when they reapply for translating the handbook.

Website Chair Streisfeld explained that he did not have the information handy, but will be happy to look at it to ensure that the costs are under control. Pro Se Handbook Editor Jones mentioned that the only thing Lisa Graham has been doing for the handbook recently is replacing things that have disappeared. Website Chair Streisfeld requested that Section Liaison Yarbough show him the invoices for the past year so that he can fully understand the cost increase.

I. Joint ABA-APS Liaison Committee - Siobhan Shea and Harvey Sepler

EC Member Harvey Sepler explained that there was nothing new to report. As always, he welcomed new volunteers. Chair Cantero asked whether there will be further involvement with the Appellate Judges Education Institute and EC Member Sepler expressed that he hopes so. EC Member Sepler stated that when they meet again, he will report to Chair Cantero.

Public Advocacy Chair Tom Warner comments on the wonderful conference held last year and that one of the reasons that it was so wonderful is because of the Orlando location. Public Advocacy Chair Warner further mentioned that this year's conference is in November in Dallas, but that the section can participate even though it is not in Florida. Public Advocacy Chair Warner encouraged everyone to join CAL, the Counsel of Appellate Lawyers, which is part of the appellate judges section of the judicial division of the ABA.

Chair Cantero inquired as to whether there was any other new business to be brought before the EC. Section Member Calianne Lanz announced that the Third DCA's Historical Society is sponsoring a reception on October 22nd at the Third DCA in honor of Judge Cope's retirement. Public Advocacy Chair Warner mentioned there will be a ceremony at the Third DCA tomorrow for Judge Barkdull.

X. NEXT MEETING (JUNE 23, 2010 - GAYLORD PALMS, ORLANDO)

Chair Cantero announced that the next official meeting will take place June 23, 2010 in Orlando. Chair Cantero also explained that he will inform everyone of the date for the January video conference meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cantero adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.