

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Call to Order: YLD President Kye Handy called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of November 2024 Minutes: Brittany Frankel moved to approve the minutes. Jess Waltman seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

2024 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award: Several people spoke on behalf of the candidates. Jasmine Magee was voted by the majority as 2024 Outstanding Lawyer of the Year.

Approval of 2024 Nominees of The Fellows: Slate approved. All in favor. None opposed.

Approval of New YLD Districts: Floor was opened for discussion. Scrivener's errors were corrected. Brittany Frankel moved to approve the changes to the by-laws and map. Briana O'Neil seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

Bar Admissions Ceremony Committee, Gregory Alston: The Committee is preparing for the Thursday, April 25th Spring Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. at the Supreme Court. Committee met last week to secure judges for swearing in.

President's Report, Kye Handy: Kye attended the mid-year annual conference in Louisville, Kentucky, with Christina Nunez and Brittany Frankel. Kye gave a CLE panel on social media usage and ethics. She will be serving as Assembly Assistant this year. Kye, Brittany, and Christina all participated in the service project at the conference. Kye also went to the Warren County Young Lawyers meeting in February and encouraged everyone to attend YLD events. Brittany Frankel and Christina Nunez will attend the Spring ABA meeting. Kye encouraged everyone to attend the final YLD meeting in Destin.

Financial Report, Missye Scott: YLD calendars made a profit this year. All financials are where they should be for the year.

ABA/YLD Report, Christina Nunez: Christina was not in attendance but provided a report. She attended the meeting in Louisville, KY. She encourages everyone to send her events from local affiliates to highlight at the ABA conferences.

Attorney Wellness Committee, Kathrine Curren: No report.

Child Advocacy Committee, Corey Gerber: Corey was not in attendance but provided a report. The GAL videos have not been updated yet, but they need to be updated. Other committees may be pulled in to assist with this project.

Communications Committee, Fran Bowman: Fran was not in attendance but provided a report. Various events have been advertised on Facebook. Volunteers still needed for mock trial. Please send anything to Fran for advertisement on Facebook.

Disaster Legal Assistance Committee, Christina Nunez: There are no active emergency declarations at the moment.

Diversity and Social Justice Committee, Karmel Keeton: The committee held an immigration law CLE, a holiday diversity event in Oxford that had low attendance, and the most recent event was a pre-law day at JSU. Thirty-three students attended. Upcoming Clinic will be sometime in April for autism awareness month.

High School Mock Trial Committee, Briana O'Neil: Mock trial is coming up this weekend. Judges are still needed for Rounds 2 through 4.

Lawyer in Every MS Classroom Committee, Melanie Mitchell: No report. There was general discussion about how Lawyer in Every Classroom works.

Law School Relations Committee, Amber Wheeler-Thompson, Claire Scott, Nyeda Martin, and Victoria O'Quin: Ongoing happy hours at Ole Miss. Focusing on showing job availability to law students and providing opportunities for networking. Planning to host a Q&A session.

Nominations, Elections, & Awards Committee, Janet Self: Janet was not in attendance but provided a report. Committee met February 20th to nominate outstanding lawyer candidates. New YLD districts were proposed and discussed, and the Fellows were voted on.

Public Service Committee, Danielle Ashley: No report.

Seminars Committee, Justin Moody: No report from Justin, but Chad discussed the Bridge the Gap program, which has bounced back from Covid. Seventeen have already signed up for April.

Solo and Small Firm Committee, Denise Fondren and Assma Ali: The MWLA is hosting an AI event, but there is a conflict with the date and location. Hoping to reschedule it for April 12th. There was discussion about YLD's sponsoring the event.

Delta Young Lawyers, Yeager Bass: No report.

Golden Triangle Young Lawyers, Grace Lawton: No report.

Harrison County Young Lawyers, Laithan Simmerman: No report.

Hattiesburg Area Young Lawyers, Andrew Hatten: No report.

Jackson Young Lawyers, Cameron McCormick: No report.

Jackson Young Lawyers, Brianna Bailey: Jackson Young Lawyers have hosted CLEs and hosted monthly events. Day at the Capitol and Legal Beagle are coming up in March.

Jones County Young Lawyers, Danielle Ashley: No report.

Lauderdale County Young Lawyers, Kathrine Curren: No report.

Lee County Young Lawyers, Bryce Montgomery: Partnered with Lee County Bar to organize a holiday charity event.

Oxford Area Young Lawyers, Morgan Hart: Oxford hopes to have a CLE with federal law clerks.

Warren County Young Lawyers, Robert W. Aldredge: Warren County hosted Kye Handy at their February meeting.

Adjourn: Brittany Frankel moved to adjourn at 2:18 p.m. Tabitha seconded. All approved. None opposed.