

Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Judge Mettler, presiding

Attendees:

Judge Amber Mettler, Chair

Susan Morandy, LPP,

Recording Secretary

Tonya Wright, LPP

Matthew Page

Steve Johnson

Monte Sleight

Staff: Scotti Hill, Utah State Bar

A.J. Torres, Utah State Bar

Chairperson Judge Amber Mettler called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

1. Action—Welcome and approval of the draft meeting minutes: (Judge Mettler)

Judge Mettler welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes.

One correction was made to the draft minutes. Steve Johnson moved to approve the April 17, 2022, minutes with the change. Tonya Wright seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Scotti Hill asked if she could continue to attend the meetings as an advisor. All committee members in attendance agreed.

2. LPPs on current casework and projects.

Susan Morandy advised that due to changes in her office she is not going to be able to take on many cases and is reducing her current case load. She is getting calls and referring to other LPPS.

Tonya Wright advised that she continues to get calls and has taken more debtor cases.

3. Discussion—Update from LPP Innovation Subcommittee. (Judge Mettler)

Judge Mettler advised that the I4J people have been informed that the LPP Committee is not the right home as currently imagined and that they need to present to the Supreme Court. Judge Mettler, Scotti Hill, and A.J. Tores will give the Supreme Court a rundown and see if they can get further direction from the Supreme Court.

Steve Johnson asked if there were any updates on the rule modification issues Scotti raised last month including expungements. Nothing further had been discussed since then. Steve Johnson advised that he will work with A.J., Scotti, Matthew Page and Monte Sleight and see if they could come up with some proposed language.

4. Discussion—Update from Bar. (Matthew Page)

Matthew Page advised that the Licensed Lawyer page usually averages 150-180 views for lawyers, but the LPP page averages 320-360 views. Steve Johnson asked if Elizabeth will give an update on this at the Bar Convention. Matthew will check and see.

Five LPPs were sworn in today. There are now a total of 23 LPPs that have been sworn in to date. Steve Johnson stated he would like to have known that in advance in order to attend the ceremony and support the new LPPs. Scotti advised that this year's ceremony was remote, but if future ceremonies are in person, then the Bar will send notification of the ceremony.

5. Discussion—Update on rural outreach: (Steve Johnson)

Nothing until fall.

6. Discussion—Update on outreach efforts: (Monte Sleight)

Monte advised that there was a small group working through the courses and that there are 11 enrolled in the ethics course, and that he was still working on potential changes to the exam format.

7. Discussion - Other Business:

Extensive discussion on LPPs relationship with forms. The committee discussed various possibilities of revising forms, or possibly having separate forms just for LPPs, possibly removing the requirement that LPPS have to use court approved forms or changing the rules to state that the documents the LPPs use have to have substantially the same language as the court forms. Discussion on not being too hesitant to remove the requirement altogether and expanding 14-802. Steve Johnson advised that he will work with A.J. on some proposals to present at next month's meeting.

Tonya Wright advised that she will send the rest of the committee a sample Notice of Conditions form for discussion.

8. Adjournment and next meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.