

# Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Steering Committee

## Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022

Zoom Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Judge Mettler, presiding*

### Attendees:

Judge Amber Mettler, Chair  
Steve Johnson  
Matthew Page  
Monte Sleight  
Julie Emery  
Leslie Staples  
Jacqueline Morrison  
Carolyn Clark

**Staff:** A.J. Torres, Utah State Bar

Chairperson Judge Amber Mettler called the meeting to order at 4:02 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.*

*Steve Johnson moved to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Julie Emery. Minutes approved.*

2. **LPPs on current casework and projects.**

*All LPPs in attendance acknowledged they were still very busy.*

3. **Discussion—Update from Bar.** *(Matthew Page)*

*Matt reported the Bar convention was great; Scotti did a great job accepting the award on behalf of the committee and said good things about the LPP program*

*Matthew Page was able to get money for advertising; purchased digital board contract; six 28-day periods, 3 billboards that rotate through; on for 28 days, off for 28 days; near freeways and I-70; hoping to get some interesting impressions on the board*

*AJ: Getting calls from a judge and attorneys asking about LPPs; most are concerned about discovery limitations; maybe put together a subcommittee to address discovery; have model form for discovery.*

*Discussion on discovery: Judge Mettler has concerns over LPP's doing complex discovery; Leslie said also concerned about LPP's engaging in complex discovery, more suited for an attorney who can object; does not feel comfortable preparing discovery outside of Rule 26.1*

**4. Discussion—Update from LPP Innovation Subcommittee. (A.J. Torres)**

*AJ- IAJ has been contacted by the supreme court and it is kind of in limbo*

*Judge Mettler: heard the sandbox is in flux*

*Rule changes to 14-802 circulated by AJ on July 6, 2022:*

*Judge Mettler: changes to the comments – Paragraph(c)(1)(E): add an “s” after Practitioner and change “In the same manner as” instead of “the same as”*

*Leslie suggested changing the initial clause in that same paragraph*

*Discussion about suggested changes and decided it was better to delete the initial clause altogether*

*Steve moved to approve changes to Rule 14-802 as presented, with the recommended changes;*

*Jackie seconded – no objection*

*Proposed changes and comments modified by the discussion will move for approval to the supreme court – hoping to get it on the August 10<sup>th</sup> agenda*

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

*Steve Johnson talked about Snow College representative being promoted and using them as a liaison*

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

*Julie Emery: discussion on career fairs right before COVID, Juan Diego job fair – Julie will see if she can get more information*

*Monte talked about a bigger job fair – a “huge” college fair – he will let us know if he receives any information on it*

**7. Discussion - Other Business:**

*AJ: Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for educational subcommittee that was set up at the last meeting*

*AJ: LPP applications will now only be accepted on-line (no more paper copies); 6 people signed up for exam in August*

**8. Adjournment and next meeting:**

*The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.*