

Licensed Paralegal Practitioner Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022

Zoom Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Judge Amber Mettler, Chair

Susan Morandy

Steve Johnson

Monte Sleight

Jacqueline Morrison

Tonya Wright

Carolyn Clark

Leslie Staples

Julie Emery

Ashton Ruff

Matthew Page

Anna Carpenter

Alyx Mack

Staff: Scotti Hill, 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:** *(A.J. Torres)*

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

Steve Johnson asked for one change to the minutes and Leslie Staples had a correction. Steve Johnson moved to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Leslie Staples. Minutes approved.

2. **White Paper Presentation** – *Ashton Ruff, Anna Carpenter, Alyx Mack*

Ashton Ruff, Anna Carpenter, Alyx Mack gave the committee a presentation on their “Utah’s License Paralegal Practitioner Program: Preliminary Findings and Feedback from Utah’s First LPPs”. This paper was emailed to members of this committee for review prior to the meeting. Anna Carpenter and Alyx Mack conducted the interviews and Ashton Ruff compiled the information. The authors asked for input or corrections from the committee to be sent to them by the end of business day on October 21st. The committee discussed various issues and gave the presenters comments to consider.

Discussion regarding ISLE – a nonprofit think tank that is holding a seminar on November 9-10th in Colorado Springs. Scotti Hill will be attending and will report back to this committee at our next meeting and will forward event details to committee members.

3. LPPs on current casework and projects.

All LPPs in attendance acknowledged they were still very busy. Tonya Wright and Susan Morandy are not receiving all emails from this committee. Judge Mettler will email A.J. Torres and ask him to update the committee's email lists. The LPPs have created a referral list as a google drive document for other LPPs to network with.

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

Tonya Wright advised that the Innovation Subcommittee will have its first meeting on October 25th and will update this committee at our next meeting.

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

Matt discussed marketing for LPPs and asked if any of the LPPs had clients that would be willing to do a testimonial video.

Steve Johnson advised that the Utah Supreme Court approved Utah Rules of Evidence Rule 504 regarding attorney – client privilege and that the changes would be effective November 1st.

Scotti Hill advised that there was an Admission Ceremony today and that two new LPPs were sworn in.

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

Steve Johnson advised that he is going to do a Career Fair at Juab High School on November 9th and asked for any LPP volunteers to attend with him. Susan Morandy would check her work schedule and let Steve know if she can attend.

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

Monte Sleight advised that he was working on going to SLCC, doing career fairs and promoting to high schools and other paralegal programs. He advised that some high school students may reach out to LPPs.

8. Discussion - Other Business:

Tonya Wright advised that she was informed by other LPPs that the Modest Means program was not accepting LPPs as Modest Mean providers. Matthew Page would be attending

the Modest Means meeting October 19th and would bring this issue up at that meeting. Scotti Hill will follow up if needed as well.

Julie Emery advised that a firm applied to the sandbox to have their paralegals be able to give legal advice was approved. Julie would like more information and will check with Sue Christman to see if she can provide a report to this committee.

Judge Mettler advised that Sue Christman and John Lund did a presentation on applications to the sandbox and that there were over 80 entities that applied, 45 were authorized, and 20 already providing services. Only 6 complaints had been received, and there was very little negative feedback. Utah Innovation office (sandbox) has reports available on their website and there is lots of interesting information.

Discussion on possibly having LPPs submit ideas to the Sandbox maybe one possibility for LPPs to be able to do expungements, etc.

9. Adjournment and next meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.