

Manitoba Law Students' Association  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 2, 2009  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Robson Hall – Room # 309

## MINUTES

### **Attended**

Davy Ireland  
Heather Belle Guest  
James Wood  
Celia Sherbo  
John Prystanski  
Kyle Lamothe  
Jason Roberts  
Selena Eng

Landon Miller  
Heather Mackie  
Breena Murray  
Katie Brownell  
Sloane Bernard  
Katelyn Clarke  
Brett Kodak

1.0 Approval of Agenda  
Motion – H.B. Guest  
Second – K. Lamothe

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 June 4, 2009

Motion – H. Mackie  
Second – K. Lamothe

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Logo (D. Ireland)

D. Ireland

Asked what is the status?

K. Brownell – we set a new mtg date after today. We have had 1 mtg but K. Brownell was not present. Point of meeting was to come up with proposal for logo.

C. Sherbo – from first mtg – brainstorm – what we want and what we don't want. No concrete ideas yet.

H.B. Guest – nothing to add

L. Miller – K. Brownell has agreed to be chair – K. Brownell is liaising with S. Virji and K. Eng.  
K. Lamothe has friend that will complete design for print

D. Ireland – we need to get this done - When are you meeting and what will be done?

K. Brownell – result by end of next mtg.

D. Ireland – Need something by July 15<sup>th</sup> at latest – not computer, but at least for council to approve.

### 3.2 Orientation (S. Bérnard)

J. Wood

Presented draft Orientation week schedule

S. Bérnard

Suggested more sponsors should be solicited

D. Ireland

Food and drink – we need to be aware and deliberate in who is eating and drinking at orientation

L. Miller – have you talked about what food is avail

D. Ireland – Aramark exclusivity for some not all – have to figure out what is exclusive with Aramark. Would be nice to get healthy choice but Aramark is cost prohibitive.

H-B. Guest – asked about budgets.

S. Bernard – said next week.

D. Ireland – Buddy program – Thursday – at end of day

J. Wood – Questionnaire will be handed to first years

H-B. Guest – Talked about cash floats for O-week and Locker rentals.

D. Ireland - someone should be in MLSA office all orientation week – we need to schedule office hours

S. Bérnard – legally blogged – to be set up

D. Ireland - K. Brownel will be doing t-shirts

### 3.3 Graduation Banquet / Convocation (D. Ireland)

D. Ireland – update on mtg w. L. Turnbull – they will be meeting with the registrar to lobby for our own grad. As soon as we get the info - we will need to move on plans

### 3.4 Fundraising / Sponsorship (J. Wood)

J. Wood provided update.

3.5 Website (N. Goodridge)

D. Ireland – Told Council again to set up MLSA web account

New web is now linked

Let N. Goodridge know if changes need to be made

4.0 New Business

4.1 MLSA Student Groups / Clubs Liaison (J. Wood)

J. Wood has agreed to be the contact for student groups until further notice

5.0 Reports

### **5.1 President**

Talked again about delegates for committees...Devin is busy and has sent e-mail re:

Suggestion for speakers – open to all students - needs to be in by next Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>

Not closed off at that point but just for first round – Speaker series etc.

If you have an idea for a speaker bring forward to Devin

\$500 – also allocated for student groups from the faculty– apply directly to Devin

D. Ireland - sudden realization summer is half done – 2 months to get everything together – will be doing follow up / nagging

Last meeting about Carbolic / mtg with Stacey Nagel – w. mid winter –

Stacey called a few days ago and MBA EC denied us - no longer part of mid winter conference

- based on many factors – majority of firms that have complained – are on committee – none of them are happy to keep assoc. with law students for Mid winter - does not mean for other events  
Stacey will go to bat for us but must go through committee.

Issue of whether or not to run Carbolic.

D. Ireland - we don't need firms to be there to run it but finances may be an issue

Three key decisions

1. Do we do it

2. When

3. How much does it cost

K. Lamothe – talked to Stacey – limited number of students can attend mid winter

Open up awards lunch to students to attend

D. Ireland – talked to students attending for free – very limited numbers i.e. 12 or so.

We would have to pay at least a reduced amount

K. Brownell – is there another MBA event that carries less weight that we could attach Carabolic to?

D. Ireland - there is an opportunity to do our own thing for cost recovery

S. Bernard - Carabolic –what was the sponsorship amounts?

Anon - Tickets were \$50 for “students”  
That cost would go up!!!

S. Bernard – this is a huge deal – signature event with the very profession that we are in

D. Ireland – believes we can still do our own thing...  
We must accept reality and outcome and move forward - but yes it is a big deal and horrible situation

K. Clarke – if we do our own event, maybe talk to other professions / schools to do joint event

L. Miller – If we want to rebuild our rep – we should be clear – with students - and be clear about expectations.  
i.e. the fact that we couldn’t get a public speaker due to heckling – we have never communicated that back to the student body and we need to be clear

D. Ireland agrees

K. Brownell – it is deplorable that we have to deal with this!

J. Roberts – can we inquire as to where and what went wrong? I saw Carabolic as an improvement this year.

L. Miller – we need to ask where we went wrong and what to do for the future

D. Ireland – assuming we do want to be involved – the door is not completely closed  
Note there is a history 4 years previous. At same the time it could be a positive.

K. Clarke – we can look into collaborating with other faculties...

D. Ireland - must be during term time – when should it be?

S. Bernard - if it’s cross faculty it loses carabolic

D. Ireland – do people want to do a formal with another faculty?

L. Miller – has spoken to social chair of med students – they are interested in joint social

B. Kodak – suggested sponsorship from outside the legal profession

S. Eng – we can reduce costs - if we use a different venue

H-B. Guest – here are some numbers info...  
Last year carabolic cost \$18,950 – we lost about \$650

Of ticket sales - \$5700 was from firms

B. Murray – grad committee has looked at hotels – Fort Garry does not charge a rental fee on top of meal

H. Mackie – there are some that are less expensive but we may have to look at it?

J. Wood – we need to confirm Ft Garry option

D. Ireland - will confirm

S. Bernard - sponsorship – suggested large corps that have law depts. – articling students etc

J. Prystanski – what is the purpose of the event?

D. Ireland – formal dress up dinner and dance

J. Prystanski - Could be something different but similar. Maybe for a lower cost.

#### 5.2 Vice-President

NTR

#### 5.3 Treasurer

H-B. Guest – endowment fund allocation meeting

Explained the info that we know so far

Dean sits on fund committee

Trustee from MLSA and others

Source of revenue

Gave numbers – 2000 spent on year books

J. Wood will investigate

D. Ireland –we must find out first

H-B. Guest - majority of committees have not come to H-B. Guest for numbers yet

When will you know about numbers?

The big numbers we need right now are for orientation

Last item – the accounting is up to date and we are all reconciled

#### 5.4 Executive Director

Already discussed

#### 5.5 Communications Director

NTR

## 5.6 MALSA Representative

J. Prystanski– been trying to get mtg with L. Fainstein but she has been sick  
Have struck a working group

Budget – faculty is looking to pay for Aboriginal law events

J. Roberts to J. Prystanski – suggest lunch on aboriginal day

## 5.7 MBA Representative

Committee - daycare for lawyers downtown run by lawyers

Talk at fed level of signing on for national health plan – so now there is private health for provinces that don't have it for discounted rates

MBA opposed and does not want to advertise – for obvious reasons – but we might want to tell students that go to another province to practice

## 5.8 Senate Representative

J. Roberts – talked to Mitch Triple about scheduling for next years mtg.

NOTE...last year Canadian bar insurance gave to MLSA

## 5.9 UMSU Representative

S. Eng – all committees have been filed - Policy and Bylaw - S. Eng was selected as an incoming law student so now there three students from law in UMSU

Went to retreat – got policy and bylaws info

Wants to set up link to UMSU on website

Orientation – swag – wants to include UMSU package

## 5.10 Third Year Representative(s)

NTR

## 5.11 Second Year Representative(s)

NTR

## 5.12 Future of the Profession Committee

NTR

## 5.13 Graduation Committee

Looking for venues

Went to: The Gates

Leaning towards The Gates

Convocation – still looking for venue but just preliminary based on negotiations with U of M

B. Murray - Fundraisers – grad social

OC not a favoured venue

Alive does same thing

H-B. Guest – Formal was fundraiser for GRAD – auctions etc

L. Miller – why not do a traditional social type event

Sobeys gift card again – H. Mackie will also look at other stores

Also bowling fundraiser

MBA might be switching to pool

Including grad social, that = 3 big events

Bowling – St. Vital lanes –

Look into Academy – Black light bowling

B. Murray will submit numbers to HBG soon

#### 5.14 Law Games Committee

J. Wood read report from Tina Petrick

Sept 18 is Oral fix – may be poor attendance

Alive will print tickets

May be too much for one day after golf??

Ireland will talk to T. Petrick

K. Clarke – will there be a discussion on theme?

Concern re: back to back theme events??

If it's meant to be a fundraiser for law games it may not be successful

Ireland will talk to T. Petrick

#### 5.15 Marketing Committee

NTR

#### 5.16 Social Committee

Already discussed

#### 5.17 Yearbook Committee

NTR

#### 5.18 Sports Committee

B. Kodak– low participation in intramurals b/c you need gym pass to play intra – get gym pass -

B. Kodak will look into getting a deal for pass

#### 6.0 Next Meeting

August 6, 2009

#### 7.0 Adjournment

Motion – C. Sherbo

Second – H. Mackie