

The Florida Bar Tax Section
Directors Committee Agenda
Saturday, May 17, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Executive Council Meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
30th Annual Tax Section Meeting
Diplomat Golf Resort & Spa, Hallandale

- I Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ed Sawyer
- II. Recognition of Past Chairs – Ed Sawyer
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes Dated January 18, 2008 – Janette McCurley (Exhibit A)
- IV. Chair-elect Comments – David Pratt
- V. Treasurer's Report – Guy Whitesman (Exhibit B)
- VI. Sponsor Program – Nick Lioce
- VII. Board of Governors Liaison Comments – William Kalish
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Long Range Planning – Frances Sheehy
 - b. Education Division – Joel Maser, Janette McCurley (Exhibit C)
 - c. Section Administration Division – Andrew Huber, Rex Ware (Exhibit D)
 - d. State Tax Division – Hunter Brownlee, Joseph Mellichamp (Exhibit E)
 - e. Federal Tax Division – James Barrett
 - f. New Tax Lawyers – Andrew Berger, Brenda Byrne
 - g. Council of Sections – Ed Sawyer
 - h. Membership & Recruitment Committee – Marvin Gutter, Joel Maser
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Formation of Pro Bono Committee under Section Administration
 - b. Tax Section Legislative Positions
 - c. Sunsetting of Legislative Positions (Exhibit F)
 - d. Florida Bar Committee on Relations with CPAs and the FICPA
 - e. UDIPTA Revision (Exhibit E, final item)
- X. Announcements
- XI. Chair's Closing Comments
- XII. Next Meeting – Tax Section Organizational Meeting, July 3-5, 2008, Amelia Island Plantation

**TAX SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2007**

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar was held at the Hyatt Orlando Airport on the 20th day of October, 2007.

The Chair, Ed Sawyer, began the meeting at 12:50pm.

The **Chair-Elect**, David Pratt, commended Valerie Yarbrough for a great job of putting next year's schedule together. David described next year's meeting schedule. Dave reported that the Organizational Meeting will take place on July 3-5 at Amelia Island Plantation, with the directors' meeting on Thursday and a New Orleans band booked on Saturday night. The Fall Meeting will take place on October 17 & 18 at the Disney Contemporary and David has confirmed this will not conflict with other meetings. David stated that the Disney property is consistent with pre-mortem estate planning seminar that Marvin Gutter and Lauren Detzel will co-chair, bringing in strong speakers. At the Fall Meeting, David is planning a Friday night dinner honoring past chairs and past tax lawyers of year, and a meet-the-characters breakfast for spouses and kids. David indicated that the Directors' meeting on January 23 and 24, 2009 will take place in New York and that Udell & Associates have agreed to sponsor dinner & a show. David's final meeting, the Annual Meeting, will take place in Boca Raton at the Boca Resort & Club, with a post-mortem estate planning seminar chaired by Elaine Bucher and Mark Brown, a Friday night catamaran cruise, and Saturday spa and jet-ski activities.

Nick Lioce gave the **Sponsor's Committee** report. Nick indicated that he had a great meeting earlier in the day with the sponsors. Nick indicated that Carol Hayward with new sponsor Engineered Tax Services (tax credit program and cost segregation studies) was in attendance at the meeting. Nick reminded the directors of the joint dinner with the American Association of Attorney-CPAs following this meeting and UBS is providing cocktails afterwards. Nick reported that he attended the FICA symposium; they are interested in pursuing a joint seminar with Florida Bar and we should have the Education Division work on this (maybe in Sept. 2008). Nick indicated that we have the first three cocktail mixers in local cities scheduled. Nick reported that Community Foundations of Florida have volunteered their facilities for mixers and that he received positive constructive criticism at the sponsors' meeting that mailings are going out too quickly by e-mail, so we're going to send out notices of CLE by paper, as well. Nick also reported that the Asher Group has agreed to sponsor a boat trip at the May Annual Meeting.

The minutes of the last Executive Council meeting on July 1, 2007 were approved without correction.

The **Treasurer**, Guy Whitesman, gave the Treasurer's report. Guy indicated that the Section has a \$342,552 fund balance. Guy reported that sponsorship revenue for the Organizational Meeting at Amelia Island was sufficient to nearly break-even. Guy indicated that we need to look at our CLE to see its effect on total revenue and by the next meeting we should be able to see how yesterday's CLE affected the revenue.

