

## **The Florida Bar Tax Section**

Sunday, July 1, 2007

Amelia Island Plantation

Directors Committee, 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Cumberland C

Section Meeting, noon – 1:15 p.m. – Cumberland A & B

### **AGENDA**

- I Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ed Sawyer
- II. Recognition of Past Chairs – Ed Sawyer
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Cristin Conley Keane
  - A. April 28, 2007 Directors Meeting & Executive Council Meeting (Exhibit A)
  - B. June 1, 2007, Conference Call (Exhibit B)
- IV. Presentation of Division Director Appointments – Ed Sawyer (Exhibit C)
- V. Chair-elect Comments – David Pratt
- VI. Treasurer's Report – Guy Whitesman (Exhibit D)
- VII. Sponsor Program – Nick Lioce (Exhibit E)
- VIII. Board of Governors Comments – William Kalish
- IX. Committee Reports
  - A. Long Range Planning – Fran Sheehy
  - B. Education Division – Joel Maser, Janette McCurley (Exhibit F)
  - C. Section Administration Division – Andrew Huber, Rex Ware
  - D. State Tax Division – Hunter Brownlee, Joe Mellichamp
  - 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
- X. Old Business
  - A. Ratify Comments to Department of Revenue 2007 Legislative Package (Exhibit G)
  - B. Scholarship Update (Exhibit H)
  - C. Florida Congressional Reception Update (Exhibit I)
  - D. Lexis Nexis Catalog Update (Exhibit J)

- E. Ratify Private Annuity Comments (Exhibit K)
  
- XI. New Business
  - A. Florida Bar Attorney – Client Privilege Task Force (Exhibit L)
  - B. Follow-up on Long Range Planning Retreat (Exhibit M)
  
- XII. Announcements
  
- XIII. Chair’s Closing Comments
  
- XIV. Next Meeting – Tax Section Fall Meeting, October 19-20, 2007, Orlando Airport Hyatt

**TAX SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR  
MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2007**

A meeting of the Directors' Committee of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

The Section Chair, Mark Holcomb, began the meeting at 8:05am. The Chair thanked everyone for coming. The Chair introduced Valerie Yarborough, the Section's new administrative liaison to the Florida Bar and thanked Valerie and Yvonne Sherron for working with the Section to pull the Annual Meeting and Exempt Organization seminar together. The Chair asked that the directors keep Sam Ullman, who is battling throat cancer, in our thoughts. The Chair recognized past Section chairs who were present.

The minutes from the October 2006 Fall Meeting and January 2007 Directors Meeting were approved and adopted without correction.

Chair-Elect, Ed Sawyer reported on the Organizational meeting at Amelia Island in July. Ed reported that the Ullman Year in Review is nearly completed and they are just waiting on outlines. Ed reported that as a prelude to the Ullman Year in Review, there will be a 1-hour ethics program presented by a legal humorist.. Ed indicated that because July 4<sup>th</sup> is not on weekend, the meeting will start on Friday, June 29. Ed indicated that he wants to ramp up federal involvement in comments to regulations, etc., next year and that he is working on appointments for next year's Directors' Committee.

Michael Lampert asked if the Section was going to record the Ullman Year in Review; Nick Lioce and Yvonne Sherron confirmed that it is set up for taping.

**Committee and Division Reports**

The **Treasurer**, Guy Whitesman, gave the treasurer's report. Guy reported that the Finance Committee is continuing to monitor G&A allocations. Guy reported that the biggest concentration in the future will be to make sure the sponsor money is excised from G&A allocation. Guy suggested supplementing dinners for CLE faculty from the Section's general budget because those dinner expenses often exceed the CLE budget. There was discussion regarding proposing a realistic budget for the CLE dinner, budgeting it, and then asking sponsors to sponsor dinners. There was also discussion of the obligation of program chairs of the CLE to stay within budget. The Chair asked Guy to get something to Hunter Brownlee (Education Division Co-Director) in writing regarding the policy so expectations are set for the program chairs.

Nick Lioce presented the report of the **Sponsors' Committee**. Nick reported that the even with the entry level sponsorship increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000, the Section increased from 17 to 20 sponsors since January. Nick reported that the Section needs to cull sponsors down so we can live up to our commitment to give them events to sponsor. Nick introduced 2 new sponsors: Udell & Community Foundations of Florida. Nick

