**ABLL Board Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2017

Foley Hoag

12pm-1pm

**Foley Hoag:** Sarah Bennett, Kara Mack, Kim Martin, Kirsten Leary

**Phone:** Andrea Rasmussen, Amy Wilson, Joe Dineen, Jenna Fegreus, Christine Spindler, Helen Vlachos

**The meeting was opened**

**Minutes from the September meeting were approved**

**Board Meeting Schedule**

*Proposed meeting dates:*

* + December - Holiday party
  + January 17
  + March 14
  + April 18
  + May 16

**Membership Services Committee Update**

1. A renewal reminder went out in November
2. 94 total active members, including lifetime members (84% of last year’s total). 7 new members, 78 renewed, 9 lifetime members

**Treasurer Update**

1. Spent $4100 so far this year, with an intake of about $8,000
   1. This includes the September meeting and the deposit for the Holiday meeting

**Education Committee Update**

1. Kara is back!
2. November brown bag - Joe could not get a confirmation from ARK that we would have the download available to show in a couple of weeks
   1. Sarah will reach out to Peter at ARK to get confirmation
   2. Joe will sign up and then petition for a refund if it doesn't come through
3. Bloomberg and West, PACER, and Betty Edwards have both offered to do presentations for ABLL.
   1. Trying to figure out the logistics to hold a webinar after the AALL annual meeting
   2. Andrea suggested a brown bag for demonstrating the library’s value and also speaking skills

**Sponsorships-Events Committee Update**

1. Sent out the holiday party invite - 15 people have RSVP’d

**Technology Committee Update**

1. Getting a lot of bounce-backs about people who are no longer at the firms and are no longer members
   1. Kim is going to forward the bounce-back list to Amy to clean up and confirm if people have moved on
2. Kim would like to update the front page more often so she invites people to forward her articles and news to post on the page

**Lexis Shepard’s issue**

Email sent to listserv:

Many, if not all, of us who currently subscribe to Shepard’s Massachusetts Citations in print (“Shepard’s”) do so for one reason – the treatment of recently enacted Acts and Resolves on previously uncodified session laws.

Today, pursuant to my inquiry regarding a recently discovered omission in Shepard’s relating to uncodified session laws, my Lexis Representative provided me with the following response from the Shepard’s Editorial Team:

*“We appreciate the feedback regarding the differences you identified and bringing them to our attention. For some background, historically LexisNexis policy has been that we do not extract and include session law to session law…  Massachusetts was one exception where we did manually extract and include this information for a time period, but due to several business factors, as of 2016, we no longer include this* ***extra*** *information in Shepard’s print. As an editorial policy we now only include session laws that amend, repeal, or otherwise impacts a Massachusetts General Law.”* (Emphasis added)

Unfortunately, the editorial team is unaware of the special circumstances surrounding uncodified session laws in Massachusetts or, based on “business factors,” saw fit to knowingly and without prior notice change their policy.

This is not the first time that Shepard’s has been called out for this policy.  In the March/April 2007 issue of the ABLL Advocate, our colleague, Ellen Walsh, identified a similar glaring hole in the coverage of Mass. Acts in Shepard’s.  After an outcry from Boston-area law librarians, Lexis reversed course with Jane Morris, then Director, Customer Programs, Case Law & Citations Content Development, stating:

*“Now that we fully understand the unusual situation with respect to uncodified session laws in Massachusetts, we realize that the decision to discontinue this processing had a disproportionate impact on Massachusetts.”*

It appears that we have once again been called to action.  Please write, email, call, fax, etc., your Lexis Representatives and let them know that this new policy regarding Shepard’s cannot continue.

***Bob DeFabrizio, Manager of Library Services, Goulston & Storrs PC***

1. ABLL will send a letter to Lexis explaining how this will negatively impact workflows and collections

**New Business**

1. Holiday Drive
   1. Need to remove Nick from the website
   2. Last year, we did it through Amazon with a wish list for Bridge Over Troubled Water
   3. We were unable to receive a report stating what ABLL gave to Bridge but members were able to easily give through Amazon and also brought items to the holiday party
   4. Helen ran this last year. She will forward info to Sarah
2. LLNE Spring Meeting
   1. June 8, 2018 is the proposed date
   2. ABLL would like to co-sponsor
   3. Technology: the practice of law and law librarianship