

In Attendance: Peach, Payal, Maya, Nathan, Swathi, Sansun

Minutes – The Executive Board will look over the minutes before posting them on the website. Payal will post the minutes on the website. The general meeting will be one week after the Executive Board meeting and the Executive Board will have a chance to look over the minutes at that time.

APALSA/SALSA mailbox – Sansun will check the mailbox in the black filing cabinet on a regular basis. Any employer information will be posted on the website.

Alumni contact list – There was discussion of Sansun maintaining the list but decided that Mia will be asked to be in charge of the list. Peach has started the list and has four names. Payal will set up a “fill in the form” on the website for alumni to fill out to facilitate gathering information.

First Meeting Preparations – We expect about 80 people if it is anything like last year. Swathi will coordinate the food with Mike’s help. Payal will give her a blank check. We will serve Thai food and get enough for 80 people. We will meet at 6:30/6:40 before the meeting to help set up. The room choices we want are Rm. 2260 or the 5th floor big ones. Sansun will send an email to SBA by 10 am tomorrow to get the announcement to the whole student body. She will also sent to the MLI students when the list is available and the LEO students.

Payal will put an announcement in “Today at the lawschool”. Swathi will put up posters/flyers around the school. Peach will print the agendas. Payal will brainstorm get to know one another activities – chopstick challenge (using the chopsticks to move things around like paper, marbles, etc.) Woodman’s has 100 for \$2 chopsticks and we’ll also check the locker for supplies.

Peach, Nathan, Payal and Maya will put together 1 big survey for the attendees to fill out: one for JDs including LAF form and one for MLIs. For the JDs, questions including academic sessions (study group), helping out (transportation and sales), journals, moot court and clinics, community service survey (similar to what Payal had last year), 1L concerns, cooking skills, addresses, year in school, mentor through APALSA/SALSA. For MLIs, LAF form and questions about their needs. A question about when a good date for the general meeting will help in determining future dates.

LEO funds letter and APALSA/SALSA financial situation – There is ~\$1000 in the bank which should cover the first meeting and Pandemonium. Peach got LEO funding (\$4000). Peach and Payal will be going to a meeting next week to get the rules on how to spend the money. Payal discussed how it is hard to gauge how much money we will need because we get most of our money from the dues. Prof. Irish will pay for all of the law graduate students. Payal will send an email to the grad students about getting interest in joining APALSA. There was discussion about how to use the LEO funds: to fund conferences or the national Thomas Tang competition if there are people who make it that far.

Scholarship for conferences: 4 people will be sponsored for the first conference (Nov. 15-18) with their conference fee covered. We will have either an honor system or another way of weeding out people in an application form.

Prof. Irish promised to sponsor a grad student to go to the conference ~ \$250. He also promised to support a Symposium.

Apparel Sale – Payal emailed Ben (supply person) and we will sell the apparel that is already made. Next semester, we can design more apparel and possibly have a suggestion box to get ideas.

Food Sale – Payal suggests we do it later in the semester (we'll have money from the apparel sale and the dues). First semester, we'll sell noodles and appetizers. Second semester, we'll sell curries and appetizers.

Other Events - It was suggested that before some of our big fundraisers (i.e. Pandemonium, Taj Maball, etc.), we will have demonstrations beforehand, like Sushi rolling, Henna, Origami, or Samosas.

We are going to axe Midnight rendezvous but will do Taj Maball. We'll try to keep the Salsa events in mind this year.

Pandamonium – The costume has been reserved. Thursday, October 4 is the date. Chautara is a place in mind now. Payal will call to see if they have a full bar and to convince them to rent to us. Sardine said no. Payal talked to Laurie about DJ'ing and she is interested. We may try to limit the capacity by having tickets so only Law students and guests will be able to attend. Payal will email Chris Smithka about the ticket sales. To raise money, the idea of donations (like PILF) or drink specials came up.

South Asian Conference – Payal met with new faculty member Mitra Sharafi. Madison has the biggest South Asian conference every year (October 12-13), which will be held at the Concourse hotel. There are workshops before the conference, which will be on October 11. Prof. Sharafi is looking for 5-10 volunteers to help with the workshop. Volunteers would meet and escort attendees (i.e. famous people) who will be coming here for the conference from conference to their hotels. The plans are not finalized yet but Prof. Sharafi will email Payal with more details.

Other Faculty involvement - Ask Desai to help out more with APALSA/SALSA.

Website news – Payal is willing to maintain the website. She'll update the site on a somewhat weekly basis but would appreciate reminders from others who encounter out of date information. Anything that we want on the website, needs to be formatted before sending to Payal.

Thomas Tang news - Nathan was congratulated by Ruth Robarts for being organized. Nathan reported that we have 4 coaches so each team except for Nathan/Peach has a coach. Everyone is registered except the coaches but they have until next week. Coaches can not help with writing

process, i.e. no proofreading/editing. Only participants can help other participants in terms of the writing process.

Other Academic events - Study sessions/practice exams for the midterms is a possibility.

Speakers – Payal emailed her cousin, who is the creator of an organization in DC for future leaders. Her cousin has a source of speakers. Community justice week may be an appropriate time to have a speaker. Also, Asian American week in April is another possibility.

Leo Reception – announce at the meeting

LEO study groups - Peach and Payal went to LEO study groups meeting. In the past, LEO had a contract study group where LEO members were invited to bring other students. The school has now changed the study groups so that it is a regular contract study group. Nathan will have to keep in mind the fact that we'll need a APALSA/SALSA contract study group when in the past we did not have one.

Next meeting Agenda: TBD