

First Executive Board Meeting of the Term

4/27/08

Main Purpose of the Meeting: get to know the board and discuss summer duties.

I. LEO UPDATE

Meeting with the Dean- LEO organizations' presidents and the deans. Peach is going to replace Payal at the meeting because Payal cannot attend.

II. Thomas Tang

Over the summer duties:

We need to get people excited about working on Thomas Tang. Let's try to get a team to place this year. Problem is released in June or July. As soon as the problem is released, we need to get the word out. Get 2Ls and 3Ls involved to coach. Swathi G. is in charge of email updates over the summer for Thomas Tang.

Information about Thomas Tang:

- Any dues paying member can participate as a coach or a participant.
- Professor Claus supervises us to get credit. 3 credits for participant and 2 credits for coach.
- Competition is the last weekend in October in Chicago.

III. Yellowbook

Duty of the LEO rep: Amesia is redesigning the book.

Guide given to new students.

Each board member is responsible for compiling a section for the book. Let's try to give it out to non-Asian new students as well. Email them a PDF version before they arrive over the summer.

IV. Website

Graphics update and create a logo.

Have a contest for members to create a logo for our organization. Winner gets their dues waived.

Payal is maintaining the website fall semester and handing it off to Matt S or Megha in December.

V. Complaints

A. Emails:

Several members complained about receiving too many emails with too much information. The board discussed possible ways to reduce emails/week, a more effective way to communicate and advertise events to members. Suggestions include:

- 1 weekly email with all of the announcements and a table of contents at the beginning
- SBA style emails with divided lines
- Calendar on our website with all the months events on it. This will replace the events and academic pages.
- Amesia is leading up the calendar idea.

B. Election Meeting Discontent:

- Need a way to address discontent that may exist among members

Solution: **Office Hours**- Board members sit in the atrium for a set period of time each week- This allows members who cannot make our meetings to still provide input in the organization. It also makes the board more accessible to members. The office hours will be held 1 or 2 hours each day of the week? This will start next fall.

C. LEO Banquet Complaint

- **Nadia's wasn't wheel-chair accessible.**
- Next year after party venue: Frescos.
- Frescos is wheel-chair accessible and really nice place.

VI. South Asian Bar Association Convention

It is held the last weekend in June. Are any members interested in attending? We can use some travel scholarships and LEO funds to help out with fees.

VII. Travel grants

Generally, AS pays for registration and transportation to get to the convention/trip.

- Rationalization is that people can provide for housing and on-the-spot transportation.
- There is a change pending to the by-laws regarding travel grants. We will be voting on that change in our first meeting in the fall.
- We don't want to make it a free trip for students. It also allows us to do more for our members.
- Board agreed as a whole on this issue.

VIII. Service Credits:

Board had an extended debate on this issue.

A. Board Members varied on opinions regarding this issue:

Amesha: We shouldn't preclude students from travel scholarships and funding.

Both Matts and Dan: should use service credits as a voluntary "plus" factor when considering scholarship applications.

Payal- we are thinking about awarding a scholarship at the end of December.

Swathi G.- we need a happy medium- voluntary consideration works.

Swathi D- have a sign up sheet to help people keep track of their hours.

- Make some events worth more in terms of service credits- to draw more people out to an event.

B. Subcommittee on Service Credits

- 3 or 4 people to work on this over the summer.
- Amesha, Matt S., Payal, Swathi D.
- This sub-committee will come up with 2 or 3 models for members to vote on in the fall.

Also, the board discussed revamping community service and making it more attractive to members.

- Big event 2nd semester but it can't compete with community justice week.

IX. Events Planning:

-meeting in mid-August to compile a list of events for the following year.

-Swathi D. is creating a general AS facebook group. We will advertise via facebook more next year.

X. Book Swap Idea:

-Add this in the yellowbook

-mainly for clickers and other non-new edition books that 1Ls need.

XI. Apalsa-Salsa Library:

- We have one. Inform members of this library and what it contains.
- SBA clean up your stuff so we can keep our stuff organized.