

APALSA/SALSA General Meeting

02/26/08

All of the Executive Board members are present except for Peach. Payal led the meeting.

Professional Development Week – recap

Only 4 people showed up consistently. A/S board trying to get feedback on why people did not come and if they did, what they did they enjoy.

Sai appreciated the Moot court, info session. Others agreed.

Other suggestions:

It would help with having 1 day of events instead of having it spread out. It was cold.

The time was not good. Maybe have a lunchtime thing.

Maybe at the beginning of the semester.

Maybe break up the week so that some of the stuff comes out earlier.

Clinic stuff events after Thanksgiving and before finals.

Have the Mock Interview session earlier.

Send out the job tipsheet earlier.

Taj Maball – recap

We did a good job and had good turn out. Suggestions? People did not know about the food.

Later in the year? Have it on the Thursday to coincide with Bar review.

Ads discussion – as brought up at the last meeting. - Hearing in the hallways about the ads being scandalous. Complaints are justified but most people are not upset by it. Suggestion of having a questionnaire about the ads??? But listserv have more people than just the dues paying members on it.

No more old business

Community Justice Week – sponsored by PILF

There will be speakers and A/S will have one speaker on Wednesday (week from tomorrow) Mar. 5 at 2:30 in Rm. 2260. The Executive Director of SALT will be talking about immigration issues post 011 affecting South Asian people. Her bio is in the emails. We want a good turn out.

Volunteer opportunities - Swathi will work on an activity for the week – last month we had one at St. Vincent de Paul. She will put another one together and hopefully it won't interfere with the other events. Matt S. talked about how fun and easy and didn't take up a lot of time to do the St. Vincent event. Sai said that he enjoyed it and people appreciated it even though they already knew what to do.

No food sale this year.

ILSA Conference (this Friday) Feb. 29

Speakers and free food. It would be great for other people to go to this

AAAGS Workshop – April 5 - Workshop on HAFFA

Speakers coming in. Good to move into campus.

LEO issues meeting – Maya

LEO leaders have discussed about what the response should be about our concerns at the presentation at the faculty meeting with the LEO leaders. On Monday at 6 pm, we are having a meeting open to all who are interested in sharing their concerns about the LEO programs. The memory of the law school is really short so it is important for the students to get involved especially 1 Ls so that the institutional memory will be maintained.

Apparel sale -Payal

The fashion committee got together and redid the apparel for sale. The 1st week in March will be the sale to ensure clothes received by April. Awesome job in terms of staffing so she expects same turnout. A/S made a lot last semester so we have a high goal this semester too because of the lack of food sales.

1L event – Dan

Suggestions: roller derby, bowling, karaoke, laser tag at ultrazone – 6.50 /25 min/round. March sucks so the best weekend may be this weekend otherwise mid april. There is some money for the 1L event. Karoke is the prime contender – April 10 after moot court tryouts.

LAF – Maya

Next Tuesday is the brownbag lunch for LAF. MLI students are welcomed to come. In the student activities room on the 2nd floor by the hangfiles from 12-1 pm but we have to clean up afterwards cause the janitors do not clean.

Grad student study sessions – Nathan

Property and international business transactions were suggested. Any other study groups. We need volunteers.

Ladies and Gentlemen night:

A/S is planning these nights to be on the same night but separate events. The idea is to pick a restaurant and members can get together. Plan is to have it the week before spring break. A/S is not sponsoring financially but it will be a nice social event open to everybody.

Eugene has offered to host cooking and eating night at his house. March 1 is the only date available. Email Emily if you think you can make it. Subject to interest. The plan is to make dumplings so we need numbers in order to accommodate. Option to do hotpot is also open.

Teaching forum announcement – Sansun/Maya

The topic is technology in the classroom – clickers/powerpoint and laptops in the classroom. Students should come.

NASALSA Conference summary

Nisit gave a summary of the conference. There were 50-60 North American lawyers/ lecturers and many panels. For 1Ls or 2Ls, there were many different types of panels about the different areas of law such as entertainment, international. There were experts in the area and it was helpful to determine what areas to take classes in and meet many people. He talked about Banita Gupta.

Conferences and Travel Grants

June 26-28 will be another NASALSA conference with more judges and more experienced lawyers. Email Nisit for more information.

The bylaws committee is working on the specifics of conference attendance and scholarships such as: the legal aspects of the conference and how it will enrich the law school community, cost of travel and the event itself , getting money to people who want to attend conferences other than the ones we offer scholarships for, how much A/S will cover. ASM also gives money for conferences. These conferences want students to come and have programs for them.

1L, 2L, and 3L of the year

Dues paying member, these are the nominees

1L

Matthew Surridge

Mai Vue Xiong

Dan Allen

Swathi Gandhavadi

Sai Lui

2L

Vue Yang

Maya ganguly

Payal Khandhar

Kashoua Yang Thao

Swathi Dhoma

Nathan leong

3L

Maha Khan
Peach Soltis
Nancy Vue
Emily Yip
Kanha Vuong

Winners: TBA