

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**MINUTES- October 5, 2008**  
**Taken by Kat Allen, Secretary**

I. Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present (P)/ Excused (E)/Unexcused (U)</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>Total Unexcused</b>
Derek Steele (DS)	President	P		
Veronica Lopez (VL)	Vice President Day	P		
Nick Mowbray (NM)	Vice President Eve.	P		
Andrew Heap (AH)	Treasurer	P		
Kat Allen (KA)	Secretary	P		
Kristina Kirby (KK)	ABA Rep.	P		
Courtney Smith (CS)	ISBA Rep.	P		1
Jeremy Hagee (JH)	CBA Rep.	U		1
Walter Tersch (WT)	4L Eve. Rep.	P		
Adam Savin (AS)	3L Day Rep.	E	Kristina Kirby	
Sulema Medrano (SM)	3L Day Rep.	P		
Brian Reidy (BR)	3L Day Rep.	E	Veronica Lopez	
Joe Sirchio (JS)	3L Eve. Rep.	P		
Michael Elliott (ME)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Chuck Prochaska (CP)	2L Day Rep.	E	Mike Elliot	

Jennifer Maples (JM)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Melissa Caballero (MC)	2L Day Rep.	P		
Rachel O’Konis (RO)	2L Eve. Rep.	E		
Prati Khanduri (PK)	2L Eve. Rep.	E		
Lauren Ortega (LO)	1L Day Rep. (A)	E	Mark Mazzone	
Mark Mazzone (MM)	1L Day Rep. (A)	P		
Raed Abboo (RA)	1L Day Rep. (B)	P		
Diana Rdzanek (DR)	1L Day Rep. (B)	P		
Jaclyn Hilderbrand(JH)	1L Day Rep. (C)	P		
Mark Silverman (MS)	1L Day Rep. (C)	P		
Megan Wagner (MW)	1L Day Rep.	P		
Pericles Abbasi (PA)	1L Day Rep.	P		

- II. Approval the meeting Minutes (KA)
  - a. Unanimous approval of meeting minutes for last two meetings
    - i. May 08 Meeting approved (20 votes for and none opposed)
    - ii. September 08 Meeting approved (20 votes for and none opposed)
- III. Tarek Fadel
  - a. Past SBA president and chair of ISBA
  - b. Attended this meeting to talk about the alumni connection with the SBA
  - c. Wants to keep the connecting going and to be informed with what is going on in SBA
  - d. Needs feedback from us to make things happen
  - e. AH: Wants to know if Alumni can help us get speakers for our events
  - f. TF: Yes and anything else we might need.
  - g. ME: How do we get in contact with you?
  - h. [Tarek@adaptigroup.com](mailto:Tarek@adaptigroup.com) is his email address.
  - i. DS: We have no frustrations with the administration right now.
  - j. PA: Is there a directory of alumni?

- k. TF: Yes there is a directory, not sure of the access for students. Can go to Tara Anderson to ask for a list of alums. He will find out about the directory. There is also an online link to check out.
  - l. ME: How about making the work load less for 1L students?
  - m. TF: The work load is heavy for ILs to keep Kent's status and to weed out students. In addition, there are requirements to be an accredited school.
  - n. MS: There are technology issues with the server, do we talk to him about this or go to administration?
  - o. TF: Go to Dean Sowle with these issues. It will have to go through the administration somehow. We are easily accessible and keep alumni connection in mind in the future.
- IV. Budget Approval Process: Andrew Heap
- a. Two appeals this year.
  - b. Walter Tersch is making an appeal for Environmental Law Society.
  - c. In general, we have given out more this year than in the past for photocopying and office supplies.
  - d. We were willing to provide more money for general meetings.
    - i. In the Financial Code we can give money for one general meeting up to \$100.
    - ii. This year we gave more if organizations needed it even if went over \$100.
    - iii. Everyone can speak up if they have issues.
    - iv. The Finance Committee budgeted \$67,000 and we want to keep a margin for Barristers Ball.
  - e. Hellenic Law Students Association
    - i. VL: Will the networking event at John Marshall be publicized and is it open to all students?
    - ii. AH: Yes, it is in the financial code.
    - iii. Unanimous approval of amount \$1290 (20 votes)
  - f. National Security and Law Society
    - i. AH: They have listed all of their speakers and AH recommends approval.
    - ii. DS: Suggests capping the postage to the amount allowed in the code.
    - iii. AH: Thinks we should give groups the benefit of the doubt with respect to postage.
    - iv. DS: Thinks there should be a justification for giving a group more than what it is the budget.
      - 1. 17 for and 3 opposed for both the \$30 over the code amount in office supplies and \$10 over in postage.
    - v. Unanimous approval of amount \$965 (20 votes)
  - g. Labor and Employment Law Society
    - i. DS: has questions about the resume booklet

- ii. AH: You do not need to pay to participate. They are not making a profit off of it. It is an interesting new idea.
  - iii. Unanimous approval of amount \$919.22 (20 votes)
- h. Commentator
  - i. Unanimous approval of amount \$4217 (20 votes)
- i. Student Hurricane Network
  - i. Unanimous approval for amount \$2275 (20 votes)
- j. Women In Law
  - i. KK: What is their community service project?
  - ii. AH: They have not provided any information.
  - iii. KK: Can be give them more money contingent of them giving us more information?
  - iv. Majority votes for new request with justifications for the community service project.
  - v. Unanimous approval for amount \$230 (20 votes)
- k. UN-USA
  - i. AH: This budget is contingent on whether they exist as a student organization.
  - ii. DS: Passed around the group's information for us to look at and vote on later.
  - iii. JH: Why is the amount so high?
  - iv. AH: The Speaker events are 3 at \$100 per event.
  - v. Unanimous approval for \$765 (20 votes).
- l. Intellectual Property Law Society
  - i. NM: They are a good group with a lot of interest among students and faculty.
  - ii. Unanimous approval of 1600 (20 votes).
- m. Chinese American Society for Cultural Legal Exchange
  - i. What is the outing?
  - ii. Open event to students; helps LLM students be social.
  - iii. KK: It is not only open to LLM students, JD students also attend and enjoy their events.
  - iv. MC: How many people are in this organization?
  - v. AH: 55 on their form
  - vi. DS: They are an active organization.
  - vii. SM: We can file a supplemental budget for the outing
  - viii. Majority votes for supplemental budget request for outing (3 opposed)
  - ix. Unanimous Approval of the amount of \$460 (20 votes)
- n. Journal of International and Comparative Law
  - i. Unanimous approval of amount \$215 (20 votes)

- o. APALSA
  - i. JH: Should be cut their meetings in half since it is for 9 meetings?
  - ii. AH: Probably. This may be their budget for the whole year.
  - iii. SM: We should not penalize groups for being active just because there are a lot of events.
  - iv. Vote for the line item of \$270 for 9 monthly meetings.
    - 1. 19 in favor; one opposed: approved
- p. Black Law Student Association
  - i. Appeal from Current Chapter President
  - ii. They are asking for additional money due to a change in funding from their national and regional chapters.
    - 1. National Chapter is asking for \$25 per member
    - 2. DS: If we do not pay the dues, we do not have a recognized BLSA at Chicago-Kent
  - iii. SM: Generally we do not give groups money that are not open to everyone.
  - iv. BLSA President: The dues are based on the members that have expressed interest in being in the National Chapter.
  - v. KK: What is the difference between funding this membership and funding people who want to pay for PAD or the ABA?
  - vi. DS: Historically we have funding these costs for BLSA.
  - vii. AH: BLSA is very active on our campus and has a powerful national chapter.
  - viii. BLSA President: Wants to know how we handle other organizations with national dues.
  - ix. DS: Suggests we pay what we were going to pay them.
  - x. NM: Thinks we should only pay for the executive board's membership.
  - xi. SM: Can the BLSA president go back to the BLSA members and find out exactly how many members what to be a part of the national chapter?
  - xii. BLSA President: She can send out a form to be signed by any interested BLSA members.
  - xiii. Voting: Options
    - 1. Give them the money they are requesting addition
      - a. 12 vote for full funding and 10 against including proxy votes.
      - b. Majority approves the full amount including supplemental budget request for a total of \$1964.35
- q. Real Estate Law Student Association
  - i. 19 Vote for and 1 opposed (VL)
  - ii. Approved in the amount of \$1377.67

- r. International Law Society
  - i. Unanimous approval for the amount of \$615
- s. Hispanic-Latino Law Students Association.
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$2642.
- t. Education and School Law Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$532.75 (20 votes)
- u. South Asian Law Students Association
  - i. PA: What is the Samosa sale?
  - ii. AH: It should be regarded as a cultural event, they usually break even.
  - iii. DS: Last year there was an issue with finding organizations to have fund-raisers. If you are doing a fund-raiser, generally those groups should find donations instead of getting donations from us.
  - iv. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1875 (20 votes)
- v. Kent-Justice Foundation
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$2100 (20 votes)
- w. Christian Legal Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1455(20 votes)
- x. Evening law Student Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$650 (20 votes)
- y. Phi Alpha Delta
  - i. AH: Wants to talk about this because they do take dues and have an outside account.
  - ii. KA: They do not get money from their Nationals even though they have a national account.
  - iii. WT: Proposed we tell them to close their outside separate account.
  - iv. DS: This is a proactive group that was planning some events and found outside funding.
  - v. Unanimous approval of amount \$999
- z. Environmental Law Society
  - i. Walter Tersch speaks on behalf and is asking for an additional \$200 for Career Panel luncheon.
  - ii. Unanimous approval of the amount \$650.60 (20 votes)
- aa. Decalogue Society
  - i. Unanimous approval of the amount of \$795 (20 votes)
- bb. Chicago-Kent Lambdas
  - i. Unanimous approval of the amount of \$875.96 (20 votes)
- cc. Immigration Law Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amounts of \$765. (20 votes)
- dd. Sports and Entertainment Law Society
  - i. VL: What is their sit-down dinner?

- ii. AH: They expect 30 people with an outside caterer and are requesting money for alcohol which was already knocked off in the finance committee meeting.
  - iii. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1042 (20 votes)
- ee. Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
  - i. DR: Why did we take off for their movie night?
  - ii. SH: Because they had asked for other events and because we thought it could be “hot potato” issue. They did not object to our funding.
  - iii. ME: Can groups appeal our budget as approved today?
  - iv. AH: Yes with supplemental budget requests.
  - v. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1745 (20 votes)
- ff. American Constitution Society
  - i. MM: Did they have names for all the speakers?
  - ii. AH: yes for all events.
  - iii. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1270 (20 votes)
  - iv. AH: We will ask them about what the funding for the speakers are because we are not allowed to pay them. We will not approve funding unless it is for something other than paying them to speak.
- gg. Journal of Intellectual Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$460.
- hh. Federalist Society
  - i. MM: Do they have names for all their speakers?
  - ii. AH: Yes.
  - iii. ME: With the presidential speaker, is it non-partisan?
  - iv. AH: There would be speakers on both sides of the spectrum.
  - v. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1015
- ii. Corporate Law Society
  - i. SM: What it the networking event?
  - ii. AH: They gave us no more information which is why we cut it down so much.
  - iii. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$1635 (20 votes)
- jj. Health Law Society
  - i. Unanimous approval in the amount of \$500 (20 votes)
- kk. Parents as Law Students
  - i. Alisa A representative of this group is here to talk about it
  - ii. They are requesting \$600 budget
    1. Consists of copies, postage, one meeting with food for \$100, two speaker events with speakers already lines up and possibly two social events at \$150 each.
    2. The social events are higher so parents can bring their children

- iii. It is a support group for law students who have children
- iv. Dean Sowle has already set up a list serve for this group.
- v. DS: We are voting on the approval of the group as a whole later in the meeting.

II. Barrister's Ball Report: Sulema Medrano

- i. We are trying not to overspend this year and watch budget but our numbers are still high
- ii. We already have contracts with:
  - 1. The field museum on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-12
  - 2. Same caterer as last year which is a 3 course sit-down dinner
- iii. Cabs and parking will be available
- iv. DS is working on an after party.
- v. Two things are not yet accounted for:
  - 1. We can pay for an extra hour and half it until 1a.m the expenses of which has not been accounted for
    - a. This is not necessary just would make it better
  - 2. Flowers have not yet been factored into the budget.
    - a. High end for flowers would be \$3000
- vi. Let people know to buy tickets right away if they want to go.
- vii. There will also be a social next month at McFadden's
  - 1. There will be beer and wine: wristband deal
  - 2. Money raised will go to Barristers for flowers
- viii. The price will be around \$55 or \$60 and we do not have to set that now
- ix. AH: How much of a cushion do we need for Barristers from SBA?
- x. SM: \$3000 for sure
- mm. Final budget issues: Andrew Heap
  - i. AH: Everyone has to tell AH for future and events that he needs funding for.
  - ii. MM: Wants to submit a request for a copy of a book on parliamentary procedure for SBA.
  - iii. AH: Anything else you want funded for the SBA will be a supplemental request.
  - iv. Budget is adding \$50 for SBA event at Cactus
  - v. Unanimous approval by entire board. (20 votes)

V. Board Reports

- a. President's Report: Derek Steele
  - i. He had a list of projects to send out to the committees.
  - ii. He attended Alumni Board Meeting
  - iii. Dean Krent Review Committee

1. He is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year of his contract and is supposed to be reviewed in the 5<sup>th</sup> year due to President's review last year.
  2. Issue is whether he will be returning after this year.
  3. Student Body will have three opportunities to meet with DS and faculty members to talk about Dean Krent to collect information. Wants all the representatives to get the word out about these meetings. These times are:
    - a. Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm
    - b. Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm
    - c. Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm
    - d. No locations set yet.
- b. Vice Presidents Reports: Nick Mowbray and Veronica Lopez
- i. Committee Volunteers: If you want to volunteer let them know
  - ii. List of Committees must be approved
    1. Motion to vote and approved unanimously (20)
    2. None opposed or abstained.
  - iii. VL: New email address: [Vmaldonado@kentlaw.edu](mailto:Vmaldonado@kentlaw.edu)
  - iv. Blood Drive
    1. 10<sup>th</sup> floor 11:30 to 6 pm on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.
- c. Secretary Report: Kat Allen
- i. Attendance: make sure to email me if you cannot attend meetings with proxy votes
  - ii. Record: Send all events to me in advance so I can put it in the Record and on the Student Org. Calendar
- d. Pole Watching: Derek Steele
- i. He received emails about watching the polls for the election
  - ii. Email him if interested
- e. Upcoming Social: Derek Steele
- i. It is coming up in the next few weeks
  - ii. Looking at Crème in Lincoln Park
  - iii. Next month will be the Conviser Bash likely at Le Passage
- f. ABA Report: Kristina Kirby will send out an email report.
- i. Yoga room idea is in the process; one issue right now is finding a room
- VI. Old Business
- a. SBA meeting time: It has been suggested to change the time to 5 p.m.
    - i. DS: The rationale for 6 has been in the past to get back in town in time for meeting
    - ii. Meeting time has changed 5 p.m. Unanimous approval (20 votes).
  - b. Faculty Appreciation Breakfast: Jaclyn Hilderbrand
    1. October 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 to 8:45

- 2. KA will talk to her about donations
- c. Non-alcoholic Social: DS
  - i. We will talk more about this next meeting.
- VII. New Business:
  - a. Two new organizations to be approved
    - i. UN-USA: Vote: Unanimous approval, no abstentions
    - ii. Parent as Law Students Society: Vote: Unanimous approval, no abstentions
  - b. Technology Concerns: Mark Silverman
    - i. Concerned about technology issues and is meeting with Bill, the head of IT here if anyone wants to join.
    - ii. Hard to get simple internet here/expanding wireless.
  - c. ME: We tried to address this issue last year and hit a brick wall.
  - d. MS: He is still going to try.
  - e. DS: This is the first time that the CLC expressed an interest in our concerns.
- VIII. Announcements:
  - a. MM: his email is [mmazzone1@kentlaw.edu](mailto:mmazzone1@kentlaw.edu)
- IX. Motion to adjourn and seconded. 7:56 p.m.