

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, November 2, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.
Conference Call

MINUTES

The Council convened at the date, time and place indicated above.

Members Participating:

Danny Crowe, Chairing for Mr. Bridges
Jill E. HaLevi
Sean Keefer
Thornwell F. Sowell, III

Other:

Joan S. Brown, Bar Staff
Cheryl Bopp, Bar Staff

Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome: Mr. Crowe, chairing for Mr. Bridges, called the meeting to order, called the roll and welcomed those participating.

Approval of Prior Minutes: The Council received the Minutes of the July 27, 2012, meeting. They were approved and adopted by motion, second and unanimous vote.

Reports/Old Business:

- a. ADR Commission Update: Ms. Brown reported that the Chief Justice had indicated she wanted statewide mandatory mediation right away and would sign an administrative order upon receipt of a recommendation to that effect from the Commission. The Commission voted to formulate a formal recommendation to the Supreme Court to expand mandatory mediation for statewide implementation in both civil and family courts. For further Commission information, Ms. Brown would provide a copy of the Commission Minutes subsequent to the meeting.
- b. 2013 Convention Seminar Progress Report and Evaluations: Mr. Crowe reported that Mr. Keefer and Mr. Sowell were working on the seminar and would be two of the 12 speakers. Mr. Crowe would moderate. The seminar promised to be fast-paced, engaging and full of good, solid, meaty materials.

New Business:

- a. Discussion of the 2013-2014 Slate of Officers and Council Members: Two Council members' terms were expiring, Ms. Seabrook's and Mr. Stephenson's, leaving two vacancies. Mr. Crowe would move up to Chairperson; Mr. Sowell would move up to Chairperson-Elect; and Mr. Keefer would move up to Vice Chairperson, leaving the Secretary position vacant. Under the Bylaws, the proposed 2013-2014 slate would be published in the February 2013 issue of the online *S.C. Bar News* magazine. The deadline for submission of nominees to the magazine would be December 30, 2012. Mr. Crowe said in order to give everyone time to consider suggestions for nominations, Ms. Brown would send a reminder email, to which members would "reply to all" by 5:00 p.m. on November 16,

2012. Mr. Crowe scheduled a short Council meeting for 1:00 p.m. on November 30, 2012, to make the nominations. Ms. Brown would provide the suggested names to the members prior to the meeting. Mr. Crowe suggested that members of the Council consider diversity in making its suggestions for nominees. The Council sought to represent all areas of dispute resolution practitioners.

Next Meeting: A special conference call Council meeting to vote on the nominees was scheduled for 1:00 p.m., November 30, 2012. The next regular meeting was set for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Crowe adjourned the meeting upon proper motion and second, which was passed by acclamation.