

Bristol County Estate Planning Council
Board Meeting
Bristol Elder Services
May 5, 2014

Present: Mary Louise Champagne, Ellen Connors, Diane Graca, Jennifer Heald, Mike Kennedy, Pam Lasher, Debbie Maltais, Trish Robertson, Jane Sullivan, Brandon Walecka.

Called to order 8:35 a.m.

1. **Secretary's Report:** Mary Louise made motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Ellen, and the vote passed.
2. **TRIAD Meeting:** Brandon and Jennifer attended a Taunton TRIAD meeting. They spoke briefly to a group of 40 or so people about basic documents and the Council. There is the possibility to repeat this at several TRIAD meetings throughout the area.

The Taunton Housing talks will occur in Sept, Oct, and Nov.

Jennifer is also aware of a non-profit artist group that is looking for a lawyer to speak. Overall thinks going to groups looking for speakers might be a better approach than holding events and not getting a turnout.

Should add a line to the application about if someone wants to be on a speakers bureau.

3. **Slate of Officers for 2014-2015:**
President, Brandon C. Walecka, Esq., LL.M.
First Vice Presidents, Ellen J. Connors, CRMP, MBA & Pamela T. Lasher, CFP®, CRPS®
Second Vice Presidents, Gerald F. Hall, CLU, ChFC®, AEP®, MSFS & John J. Collins Jr., CFA
Secretary, Trish Robertson, MHSA & Debra Maltais, AVP & TO
Treasurer, Luke P. Travis, Esq., AEP®
Immediate Past President, Jennifer P. Heald, Esq.
Board of Directors, Diane Graca, CFP®, CLTC, AEP®, Patricia Bloom-McDonald, Esq., Joan Jakuboski, RN, BSN, Robin Smith
Advisor to Board of Directors, Barbara E. Parker, TO Retired
4. **Annual Meeting:** Space available for set up at 4:30. 22 reservations to date, Jennifer to send invite to Plymouth/Norfolk EPC and several lawyer groups, RSVP's due 5/16. Diane to try to reach out to media for publicity. Judge Nesi will receive a \$50 donation in his name to SCCLS. Head table will be reserved, it will include Judge Nesi, Jennifer (possibly +1), Brandon (possibly +1), Jane, Luke, Debra Blum-Shore. Patricia Bloom-McDonald is a possible alternate.

5. **Feedback on April Networking Event:** All agreed that it was a good event/exercise to do again. There were opposite opinions about adding more detail such as income figures. Some felt lack of details held them back, others felt it opened up more conversation; same about sending case study ahead of time. Talk about adding in a more formal ice breaker, or letting people know that there was a prize involved, as it gets the competitive spirit up. Board members should be charged with “working the room” and meeting newer members. Need to have good moderators identified who have prepped ahead of time. Karen Melo is willing to help this committee again next year if we repeat the event.
6. **Fall Networking Event:** The charitable event will be the emergency backpacks. Ellen handed out a list of possible items. Board members will have first opportunity to provide items, then membership. Board will consider what is still needed. Ask should go to general membership in June. Backpacks will be packed before the September meeting, allows for a good feel good moment and photo opportunity with the membership. Ellen and Trish will continue to work on this.
7. **Summer Outing:** Mary Louise reached out to Westport Vineyards. It is \$15 per person with 10 or more for private tour and tasting. Wednesday August 6th was chosen as a possible date, MaryLouise will see if that is available.
8. **Summary of the Year’s Achievements:** Jennifer outlined the many positive things that happened throughout the year and thanked everyone for their hard work. The Board thanked Jennifer for a great year.

Next Board Meeting: June 2, 2014 at BayCoast Bank, Swansea, MA

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Robertson
Secretary