



University of Denver
Student Bar Association
Weekly Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. Attendance – 9/12 present.
- b. Approval of Minutes – *Motion set forth by Jacob. Seconded by Vianes. Gideon abstained. Approved.*

II. Guest Speakers

- a. SPB Presentation
 - i. Student Plaintiffs Bar
 1. President (Scott Singer presented), VP, Secretary, Treasurer members were here.
 - a. Explained their roles.
 2. Focus right now is on building the membership; have 9 members right now.
 - a. Want to build it up to 25 by the end of the year.
 3. Trying to build a connection with the CO Trial Lawyer Association (CTLA).
 - a. Would be a good networking opportunity for members to connect with litigation members.
 - ii. 2 alums who are plaintiff attorneys are their liaisons.
 1. Nick is an employee of the SPB. They are trying to create charters at the CO law schools.
 - a. Goal is to illuminate more connections resulting from the work and school connections relating to your time at DU.
 2. Want to create events on the DU campus that are separate and independent from those of the CTLA that happen off-campus.
 - iii. Jacob – Why do we need SPB on the DU Law campus? (How is this different from the existing organizations on campus?)
 1. There are a lot of opportunities for those that are criminal law focused (STLA and Moot Court are criminal-law focused). Networking with civil litigation firms is a matter of luck right now and this gives the opportunity to focus only on the civil litigation / plaintiff perspective - is something that is different from what is currently happening on this campus.
 - a. Professional networking that is not currently addressed by other organizations.
 2. Will address areas other than the CTLA.
 - iv. Professor Campbell is the faculty advisor.
 1. Plaintiff's work does not fit the OCI model. Generally, people hire through connections then.

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2. There are more jobs than people realize for the plaintiff's bar and there is an appetite that is not being met between these two groups. Will bridge a gap that we have currently.
 - a. The vast majority do not post so it is all through word of mouth.
3. DU's model is big law and medium big. That does not fit the plaintiff model well.
 - a. This organization gives a message to the student body that this type of law is important.
- v. Gideon – What is the important information that you need for the application (under the Membership – Section A header)?
 1. As a large scale plaintiff bar that connects dozens of CO firms, they would extend the offer of automatic membership to the members who sign up to a part of the DU STB.
 - a. Therefore, they have specific requirements that need to be addressed.
 - b. There will be an “opt out” opportunity if they wish not to be a part of the overall organization.
 - c. They will approve those that register and make you a student member unless they have a good reason to believe that the contact will be damaging to CTLA.
 - i. Ex: they are P's attorneys – they share strategy and that is protected; if they then graduate and go work for a defense counsel – that is problematic.
 2. “rebuttal presumption of admissibility”
 3. Scott will send Sara a copy of the application.
- vi. Gideon – does CTLA have funds that they can give to the STB?
 1. Want to be able to offer additional financial support for the 2019 year to make sure that the organization can get itself off of the ground. They are committed that the 2019 calendar year – will reach out to their members and vendors during this critical period.
- vii. DISCUSSION
 1. Jacob – there are very little plaintiff-focused organizations; their funding was solid.
 2. Kaley – they fill a niche that is missing. We have competitions but not really a group.
 3. Sara – our bylaws say we have to have a proposed Constitution and bylaws if applicable.
 - a. Can they change the bylaws shared at the SBA meeting into the word constitution.
 - b. They need a mission statement.
 - c. Need to give them a heads up that they need to do elections. Need to do this for their funding request.

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viii. *Motion to approve the SBP as a new organization providing they submit a mission statement and then amend their Constitution (change the word “bylaw” to “constitution”).*

1. *Jacob set forth. Vianes seconded. Claire abstains. Passed unanimously.*

ix. Conclude – SBP will now be a new student organization!!

b. Dean Boynton

i. SBA Awards

ii. Avalanche Games Tickets / Asset Issue

1. Emily Scherling was having an issue getting the assets.

There were no assets provided to those who brought tickets.

2. Assets were supposed to be 10 people on the bench; 1 was allowed to DJ.

3. Their way to fix this was give out 11 free tickets (10 bench seats; 1 DJ seat) for 2/25 or 2/27.

4. McKenna Walsh had 14 tickets. She was reached out to before the game but didn't respond to the email.

a. We should give her 3 – give them to her so she can decide which friend should be the DJ and which are on the bench.

5. Then there are 4 sets of 2 winners. How to give them out?

a. Raffle them off.

i. Student Affairs will do this!

6. *No one is opposed to this.*

III. Previous Business

a. Food Drive

i. Prizes that have been secured:

1. 200-250 free admission for the basketball game. The students already get free tickets so this for the free +1.

a. One card goes to whoever (Also would work for the faculty.)

ii. Grand prize – final series two pack for the hockey game.

iii. There are ~250 people / year.

1. Most contributory year will get the admission tickets.

iv. FIVE BINS / 3 categories:

1. Three bins – 1L / 2L / 3L bins (3)

2. Tax / LLM / Evening / Part-Time bin (1)

3. Faculty (1)

v. Raffle Box for the Grand Prize (2 pack of tickets)

1. Put a box next to the bins so that people can enter themselves.

2. There will be 2 grand prizes of 2 packs:

a. Students

b. Faculty

vi. Bins

