

Minutes from Conference Call on 5-1-09
Re: Special meeting, requested by the Chair pursuant to
Section 5 of the Standing Bylaws of the Real Property
Section of the Virginia State Bar, as amended
(Approval of Proposed 5-Year Plan for Real Property
Section – for Submission to Virginia State Bar)

Those in attendance: Randy Howard (Chair), Paul Bellegarde (Sec’y/Treas),
Bill Nusbaum, Susan Walker and Jean Mumm.

This attendance constituted a quorum as defined in Section 6 of the Bylaws.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Howard at 9:00 a.m.
EDST.

The purpose of the meeting was to address the proposed 5-year plan of the
RPS as an item to be approved and to be submitted to VSB at the Annual
Summer Meeting. The proposed 5-year plan have been disseminated by e-
mail prior to the meeting, and all in attendance had been given ample time to
review the same.

By unanimous vote of those in attendance, plus the absentee vote in favor
provided by J. Phillip Hart to Randy Howard, the measure was passed and
the Chair was authorized to forward same to VSB on behalf of RPS.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, and seconded by
the others in attendance, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Bellegarde, Secretary/Treasurer

**PS – “Attachment A” to these Minutes is a copy of the e-mailed
submission from Randy Howard to Dolly Shaffner at VSB, which
includes a copy of the RPS 5-year plan.**

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Subject: VSB Strategic 5-year Plan

Date: Fri, 1 May 2009 9:33 am

Attachments: 2009_Real_Property_Section.5_year_plan.doc (31K)

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Dear Dolly,

Attached hereto please find the RPS Plan submitted in response to the request of Mr. Capsalis, VSB President. I would advise the attachment was duly considered and adopted on behalf of the Section by action of its Board.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me or Paul Bellegarde, RPS Secretary.

Regards, Randy

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Real Property Section

of the

Virginia State Bar

1. The Section's Purpose, as defined in the Bylaws, remains appropriate as a governing principle given the ever increasing complexity of and significant changes in the practice of real property law.

“The purpose of this Section is to concern itself with all aspects of real estate practice and procedures in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to sponsor projects and programs of special interest and relevance to the members of this Section and the Virginia State Bar in those fields, and to furnish the public an understanding of their rights and obligations in such areas of law”.

2. Five Year Plan <> objectives:

- (a) Increased active involvement and participation of the membership being fundamental to continuity and core value of the Section.
- (b) Expanded membership involvement from younger, more recently admitted attorneys as being critical to Section's meaningful existence.

Engage Area Representatives to achieve both (a) & (b) above.

Encourage members to adhere to the principles stated in the 2009 Section adopted Board and Area Representative Handbook.

Review and evaluate interaction opportunities with the newest admitted members of the Bar at the commencement of their careers.

- (c) Promote the Section and real property law in general, as a vibrant, ever changing field of law, to the state judiciary and to the other VSB sections.
- (d) Continue to offer educational resources to the Section and Bar via the twice yearly publication of *the FEE SIMPLE*; co-sponsorship with VA CLE of the annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar and the Real Estate Practice Seminar, and providing a timely CLE program to address current issues in conjunction with the Annual VSB Summer meeting; and active member interaction via E-mail situation specific issue exchanges.

The Section, through its regular seasonal meetings, provides a forum in which the opinion of every practitioner, whether with a residential or a commercial focus, is welcome; and the exchange of information and opinion is free flowing.

(e) Advocate and support the on-going review of real property law and its inclusion as a basic element of the traditional law school curriculum.

3. VSB interface with RPS in fulfilling its Purpose and satisfying Section goals and objectives.

(a) Continued evolution of the VSB website as a means of enhancing interaction between all Sections and the VSB in matters of common interest.

(b) Reporting to the Section issues, points of focus, etc. for which VSB would solicit the input.

Adopted by Special Meeting of Board held Friday May 1, 2009, @ 9:00 am EDST.