Administrative Law Section Celebrates and Plans for Coming Year

E-Version of Minnesota Administrative Procedure Unveiled

By Beverly Jones Heydinger

The Administrative Law Section held its Annual Meeting on June 3, 2015, at Town and Country Club, celebrated the past year of success and administrative law highlights, bid farewell to long-time section members Jocelyn Olson and Julie Brunner, conducted a little business, and introduced the 2015 E-Version of Minnesota Administrative Procedure.

Following publication of two print versions, George Beck, the principal author and editor of the prior print versions of Minnesota Administrative Procedure, joined with Mehmet Konar-Steenberg and Sean Felhofer, both of William Mitchell College of Law, to digitize the treatise and, with the assistance of several volunteer chapter editors, to update the content. The new version was unveiled at the Annual Meeting, with an explanation of its design, the displays that guide the user to relevant material, and a brief overview of some of the content by Patricia Winget, one of the chapter editors.

The digitized, updated version is now available: http://web.wmitchell.edu/minnesota-administrative-procedure/

Judge Beck and Professor Konar-Steenberg hope to continually update this handy tool for all practitioners and would appreciate any feedback or suggestions. The Section extended its thanks to all who assisted with this project, including the volunteer editors.

As is the Section's tradition, Jocelyn Olson presented a summary of relevant 2015 bills introduced at the Legislature and their fate (although the special session had not yet been called), and David Schultz presented a summary of 2015 state and federal appellate court decisions of particular interest to administrative law practitioners.

The Section extended its thanks to out-going chair, David Aafedt, and to our MSBA Section advisor, Sue Bores, for their contributions to the Section's success in the past year, including successful CLEs and a positive fund balance.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented, nominations were entertained, and an election held. Next year's Council members are:

Beverly Jones Heydinger, Public Utilities Commission, chair

Tom Bailey, Briggs and Morgan, vice-chair

Meghan Scully, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Secretary/Treasurer

David Aafedt, Winthrop & Weinstine, past chair

Andrew Davis, Stinson Leonard Street

Karen Sullivan Hook, Department of Human Services

Sam Orbovich, Fredrikson & Byron

Tammy Pust, Office of Administrative Hearings

David Schultz, Hamline University

Patricia Winget, Department of Health

The Executive Council will hold a planning meeting for the coming year on July 29, 2015. It has started to plan a fall CLE on Civil Gideon, with an accompanying effort to recruit practitioners willing to assist low-income individuals with administrative law appeals. Look for more information in September.