## AAML Board of Managers Agenda October 2, 2020 at 12:00

In Attendance: John Schutz, Laura Davis Smith, Joe Hunt, Shannon Novey, Mark Sessums, Caryn Green, Peter Gladstone, Lawrence Datz, Jonathan Root and Susan Stafford

- 1. Welcome/President's Report John Schutz
  - a. National Meeting- John encouraged everyone to attend and to make a contribution to the Foundation Billable Hours Campaign
  - b. Florida Chapter Lunch, Friday, November 8, 2019 @ Spiaggia
- 2. Amicus Discussion & Vote- John Schutz presented the request for an Amicus brief re: Second District's ruling in Famiglio v Famiglio. Caryn Green motioned we decline to join. Laura Davis Smith seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The AAML Florida Chapter will not join the Amicus Brief
- 3. Charitable Giving Committee Update & Vote- John Schutz presented a proposal from the charitable giving committee to increase their budget from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Discussion followed. Reasons against the motion include diminishing budget; need to keep healthy reserves in case the contract for The Review Course is not renewed with The Section and the increasing losses of The Institute. Reasons in favor include helping get the AAML name out while doing good. John Schutz moved to deny the request and Caryn Green seconded. The motion to deny the request was lost by one vote. The charitable giving budge will be increased to \$30,000 with the understanding all monies do not have to be spent and all requests will need to be approved by the Board of Managers.
- 4. Review Course Update- Susan Stafford reported the Review Course is being held at the Loews Royal Pacific this year. Registration is underway and currently surpassing the numbers at the same time last year. Exhibitor space is almost sold out. Susan encouraged everyone to make their hotel reservations now anticipating the hotels will be sold out later this fall.
- 5. 42<sup>nd</sup> Institute Report- Caryn Green has bronchitis and asked Susan to make her report. The Institute speaker lineup is almost finalized and should be set later this fall. As soon as it is set, we will go ahead and

publicize it on the website.

- 6. Webinar Update- Shannon Novey reported one webinar has happened already and there are two more scheduled for this fall. Speakers are confirmed, subscriptions have been sold and all is going well.
- 7. Legislative Update- Elisha Roy was not able to be on the call but provided a written report to John stating the legislative committee hoped to have a draft in the next three weeks to submit to the BOM. The Alimony PAC has reorganized and rebranded as Florida Family Fairness, INC (FFF). FFF has announced they have an alimony reform bill in drafting and they have retained Brian Ballard and Chris Dorworth as their lobbyists. Additionally, a second group has formed known as Florida Former Spouses Right to Retire, Inc. They have retained Anna Walker Higgins as their lobbyist.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Stafford