

**TIPS Animal Law Committee  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 1, 2018: 12-1 pm EST  
Via Teleconference**

The Animal Law Committee (“**ALC**”) convened a meeting by phone on March 1, 2018 at 12 pm EST. The following ALC members attended by phone: Daina Bray (Chair), Jane McBride (Chair Elect), Joan Schaffner (Council Representative), Molly Armus, Deepti Bansal, Alex Cerussi, Sharon Coleman, Stacey Evans, Jim Gesualdi, Barbara Gislason, Laura Hagen, Debra Hamilton, Kara Holmquist, David Hopkins, Rebecca Huss, Courtney Lee, Brenda Brooks Mansfield, Jill Mariani, Ariel Neumann, Barbara Penny, Leslie Rudloff, Lori Ruk, and Judy Scott.

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Ms. Bray convened the meeting at 12 PM EST and welcomed the committee members.
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2018 Meeting:** Ms. Bray noted that the minutes of the February 2, 2018 meeting had been circulated by email. made a motion to approve the minutes, which was duly seconded and unanimously passed.
3. **Substantive Subcommittee Updates**
  - **International Issues:** Ms. Bray reported that members of the International Issues Subcommittee had produced several articles for the internationally-themed newsletter, and also that she has been working with the International Animal Law Committee on the military dogs CLE and possible House of Delegates (“**HOD**”) Resolution.
  - **Policy & Alliances:** Ms. Holmquist reported that the former Legislative Subcommittee had merged with the former New Alliances Subcommittee to create the Policy & Alliances Subcommittee. An updated description of this Subcommittee’s mission has been added to the Subcommittee list on the ALC website. In short, in support of proposed and adopted HOD Resolutions, the Subcommittee will work to establish alliances with animal law committees/sections of local and state bar associations and to share relevant information with animal advocates.
  - **Wildlife:** Ms. Hagen reported that the Wildlife Subcommittee had been working on the recent successful grizzly bear webinar, and has been working on helping to plan the joint endangered species CLE with SEER. The Wildlife Subcommittee is also planning a Lunch & Learn Program to be given by Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute, during the ALC’s June 7 call.
4. **Excellence in Animal Law Award:** Ms. Bray reminded the Committee members that nominations for the Excellence in Animal Law Award are due today, March 1. She also reminded the committee that the Award Reception would be held Friday, August 3, 2018, 3-4 PM CDT at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

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5. **Newsletter Report:** Prof. Schaffner reported that the international-theme newsletter is currently being edited. The deadline for the Summer issue is June 1.

**6. CLE Programs**

- a. April 19, 2018, 11 am-12:30 pm ET, Grand Hyatt, New York City: CLE Program with the International Animal Law Committee in the ABA International Section and the ABA Veterans Initiative: Applying the Rule of Law to Protect Military Dogs, the Deserving Heroes of War: If members have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Garcia ([jgarcia@wigrum.com](mailto:jgarcia@wigrum.com)).
- b. April 19, 2018, 4:00-5:45 pm ET, Hilton Bonnet Creek, Orlando: CLE Program with the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and National Resources (SEER) at the SEER Spring Conference. Pet Snakes and Species Trafficking: The Endangered Species Act on the International Stage: If anyone has further questions, please contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbriator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbriator@gmail.com)).
- c. August 3, 2018, 1:30-3 pm, Chicago: Ms. Bray reminded the committee that at the ABA Annual Meeting, the ALC is co-sponsoring a CLE Program with the Staff Counsel and Insurance Coverage Litigation Committees of TIPS. The CLE is Animal Law for Insurance Lawyers—A Walk on the Wild Side. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Fershtman ([jfershtman@fosterswift.com](mailto:jfershtman@fosterswift.com)).
- d. October 10, 2018, Denver: Shelter Law Symposium with the National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA): If anyone has further questions, please contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbriator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbriator@gmail.com)).

**7. Resolution Planning**

- a. **Mandatory dog encounter training for law enforcement:** Mr. Green updated TIPS leadership during the Spring meeting on the status of this resolution. Members with questions can reach out to Mr. Green ([cgreen@law.harvard.edu](mailto:cgreen@law.harvard.edu)) and Ms. Albrecht ([andreajoya@bestfriends.org](mailto:andreajoya@bestfriends.org)).
- b. **Dogs in Military Housing:** If any members have additional questions, please contact Ms. Barnett ([katie@barnettlawoffice.com](mailto:katie@barnettlawoffice.com)).
- c. **Possible Military Dogs resolution with International Animal Law Committee:** This resolution is still in the works. Ms. Bray noted that if any committee members are interested in working on this, to reach out to Ms. Bray ([dbray@ifaw.org](mailto:dbray@ifaw.org)).

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- d. **Shark Trade Resolution:** Ms. McBride reported that this resolution has been put on hold for now.
8. **Student Project Updates:** If law student members or other members are interested in working on projects, please contact Prof. Schaffner ([jschaf@law.gwu.edu](mailto:jschaf@law.gwu.edu)) or Ms. Bray ([dbrawy@ifaw.org](mailto:dbrawy@ifaw.org)).
9. **Membership Update:** Ms. Rudloff ([LRudloff@pcrm.org](mailto:LRudloff@pcrm.org)) noted that membership has increased over the course of this year, and that she will have detailed numbers soon.
10. **Hurricane Response Projects: FAQ Project with ALDF/South Texas College of Law:** Ms. Bray reminded the committee that we are working with ALDF and South Texas College of Law to create a legal FAQ document for use by animal rescuers in Texas.
11. **Collaboration with National Judicial College:** If members are interested in working on this opportunity, please contact Ms. McBride ([jmcbriator@gmail.com](mailto:jmcbriator@gmail.com)).
12. **Public Service: ABA Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, Safe Humane Chicago:** Ms. Bray encouraged members attending the ABA Annual Meeting to participate in this event. If members would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Ms. Bray ([dbray@ifaw.org](mailto:dbray@ifaw.org)) or Ms. Huss ([Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu](mailto:Rebecca.huss@valpo.edu)).
13. **ALC Business Meeting Schedule.** Ms. Bray reminded ALC members of upcoming ALC meeting dates.
- Thurs. Mar. 29, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT: Lunch & Learn presentation from Rebecca Huss on Service Animals
  - Wed. May 2, 2018: 12:30-1:30 pm PDT/3:30 pm-4:30 pm EDT: at TIPS Spring Section Conference in Los Angeles
  - Thurs. June 7, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT: Lunch & Learn presentation from Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney at Animal Welfare Institute
  - Thurs. July 12, 2018, 12-1 pm EDT: Lunch & Learn presentation from Equine Law Subcommittee
  - *Meeting to be scheduled by phone and in-person during ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Aug. 2-Aug. 7, 2018*
14. **Progress on Strategic Plan.** Ms. Bray reminded the Committee members that the ALC had developed its three-year strategic plan in February 2017. One of the new ideas that was added to the plan was to schedule regular check-ins on progress toward the goals

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set out in the strategic plan. Ms. Rudloff updated the Committee on the progress toward those goals. She noted that we are performing strongly in terms of our CLE programming, membership and communication with Committee members. The most prominent area in which we would benefit from more activity would be the area of Publications. Members with Publications ideas should contact Ms. Bray to share their ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm EST.