Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council held a meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. via teleconference and in the Charitable Trust Conference Room, 11th Floor, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois. In total, 7 individuals attended the meeting.

PRESENT:

Richard Sevcik, Perkins Coie
Anita Banerji, Donors Forum
Janice Rodgers, Quarles & Brady, LLP
Marty Green, Illinois CPA Society
David Rosen, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

In addition, the following staff members from the Illinois Attorney General's Office were present: Therese Harris and Theresa Geary

I. Welcome

Therese Harris opened the meeting at 3:31 p.m., welcomed EC members and shared who was on the call.

II. Review and Approve 2016 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Therese Harris asked the Executive Committee to review the minutes from the 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. Janice Rodgers noted that one change needed to be made to reflect that Polk Bros. Foundation funded the Merger Study. David Rosen motioned to approve the minutes with that change and Janice Rodgers seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

III. Old Business

Therese Harris asked if there was any old business that needed to be addressed.

No comments were received.

IV. New Business

a. Membership Discussion and Recommendations

Therese Harris asked the Executive Committee for any membership recommendations.

David Rosen requested a current membership list and asked if there was any specific type of members needed.

Therese Harris shared that the majority of members are in Cook County and that recommendations to reflect other geographic areas would be appreciated.

b. Next Charitable Advisory Council Meeting and Agenda Discussion

Therese Harris asked for recommendations on when the next council meeting should be held and what topics need to be discussed at the meeting.

Marty Green asked about the centralized reporting database. Therese shared that smaller states will pilot the database in 2018 and then it will be determined how other states will begin using the electronic filing system.

Therese shared that the Charitable Trust Bureau is working to catch up on the backlog of paper fillings.

Janice Rodgers recommended discussing this at the next meeting and sharing where the project is at and what has been done so far.

Janice also asked if there were items to discuss on the Tax Act.

Therese asked if there are any anticipated changes to IL's reporting requirements and Illinois' registration and compliance areas in response to the Tax Act.

The committee felt that perhaps in early 2018 any necessary changes or questions would come to light as the law is implemented and reviewed.

Anita shared that there is the possibility that the removal of the Johnson Amendment will occur in the continuing resolution or in appropriations.

Therese shared that NASCO has drafted a letter in response to the proposed removal of the Johnson Amendment.

Theresa Geary asked about including updates from members as another agenda item.

Therese Harris asked for recommendations on when the meeting should be held.

Janice Rodgers suggested recommended prior to the 2nd Quarter as well as avoiding Spring Breaks. Rick echoed the concern of Spring Breaks and suggested after the first week of April.

V. Public Comment

Therese asked for Public Comment. No comments given.

VI. Closing

Therese Harris wished the Executive Committee members a happy new year and adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.