Administrative Law Section March 2009 Long Range Planning Retreat

I. Ex-Officio Member Designation

The Environmental Law Section currently provides for past chairs to become ex-officio members. This creates the need to appoint at least one new member each year.

Should the Administrative Law Section adopt a similar approach?

II. Mediation

Section 120.573, Florida Statutes provides for the mediation of disputes. The law currently allows for mediation when the agency and all parties agree to participate. However, the process is not often used.

Can the Executive Council do anything to encourage the use of mediation?

Should it?

III. Continuing Legal Education

New sharing arrangements with the Florida Bar have affected the Section's revenues. Continuing education courses and materials have been a traditional source of funding for the Section. However, current economic conditions may limit attendance at seminars.

Should the Section review its traditional schedule of CLE offerings and increase the number of programs?

Should the Section commit to new types of programs, such a one hour telephonic seminars?

IV. Section Web Site

The web site has been improved and now includes links to Section newsletters, meeting minutes and legislative positions. It also has useful links to other, useful administrative law sites.

Can anything be done to improve its usefulness and appearance?

Given budgetary constraints, should the Section spend to improve the site?

V. Law School Liaison

Good efforts have been made to reach out to law students and interest them in administrative law. However, it's been hard to get their attention.

Is there anything else we can or should do to attract young lawyers to the field of administrative law?

VI. Open discussion