

28th Judicial District Bar

Buncombe County, NC



Minutes of the January 9, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance:

A quorum was present.

In attendance were: Doug Tate, James Ellis, Jason Peltz, Brad Stark, Mae Creadick, Jason Gast, Holly Stiles, Eileen McMinn, Tikkun Gottschalk, Courtney Booth, Ryan Beadle, Bill Christy, Alan Coxie, Howard Gum, Carol Goins, Lynn Davis, Ingrid Friesen and Bar Administrator Lisa-Gaye Hall.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

The December 2011 minutes were reviewed and no changes were made. Ms. Friesen moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Gast seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Beadle presented the treasurer's report and reviewed the balance and profit and loss sheets with the committee. He noted that we are over budget on the holiday party by about \$1400, but everything else is in line with our expectations. Ms. Friesen moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Gast seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Mr. Beadle on behalf of the Finance Committee proposed an amended Financial Control Policy. Our model bylaws state we should have a bond. The committee reviewed the idea of an audit. Mr. Beadle reviewed the separation of duties. The Executive Committee discussed potential changes to the wording in Financial Control Policy. The Finance Committee will redraft the proposal based on the Executive Committee's suggestions. The committee agreed to revisit the Finance Committee's proposal at the next meeting in February.

CLE Committee:

Ms. Creadick reported that the December Foreclosure CLE was a success. The CLE Committee has met its goal to provide our Bar 12 hours of affordable CLE hours including Ethics this fiscal year. Ms. Hall agreed to contact the State Bar to see how quickly we can get CLE permission for video replays. Ms. Goins stated that she has encountered attorneys outside of Buncombe that expressed interested in a video replay of our November LGBT CLE.

Communications Committee:

Ms. McMinn reported that all is well with this committee. The Bar Briefs are scheduled to come out soon.

Special Events:

Mr. Coxie reported that the Memorial Service has been moved to the fall. This committee is now planning the spring picnic and the summer baseball event.

Pro Bono Committee:

Mr. Gottschalk stated the Justice 4ALL event is coming up and that we as a Bar try to make sure the State Bar recognizes PLS and their co-sponsorship. PLS is working on a "lifeline" program similar to its hotline program. The Pro Bono Committee is looking for small law firms and individuals to nominate for several pro bono awards. Mr. Gottschalk asked that the committee members contact him if we have suggestions for these awards.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Christy had nothing to report.

Real Estate Exploratory Committee:

Mr. Drye was not present.

Upcoming Programs:

Ms. Friesen reported that de-escalation expert Dr. Rich Munger will speak at the Bar lunch this week. The Bar lunch in February will feature county planners and a local architect who will discuss the courthouse plans.

Law Library:

Mr. Tate spoke with David Gantt who wants to meet with Mr. Tate and Mr. Peltz regarding the Law Library. Mr. Tate will report back to the committee following this meeting.

State Bar Counselor Report:

Howard Gum gave a report to the committee in regard to current issues being addressed by the State Bar. One ongoing matter is the issue of whether law firms could have part ownership by non lawyers. He also encouraged attorneys to keep an eye on proposed ethics opinions. Mr. Tate thanked Mr. Gum for spending four weeks of his time in Raleigh representing our district.

Other Business:**President's Report**

Mr. Tate advised the committee of our informal procedure for providing member lists to the public. According to the State Bar rules this list of attorneys and contact information is a public record. We do have options for how we handle these requests. We can either send requests to Raleigh and they charge a small fee, or we can charge a fee and Ms. Hall can provide this list. The Executive Committee discussed the benefits of both options. Mr. Tate agreed he will bring a proposal to our February meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next regular EC meeting will be on _____, 2012 at 12:30 in Pisgah Legal Services conference room.

There being no further information coming before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are respectfully submitted on the ___ day of January, 2012.

M. Mae Creadick