

28th Judicial District Bar

Buncombe County, NC



Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance:

A quorum was present.

In attendance were: Ryan Beadle, Eileen McMinn, Doug Tate, YLD President Lynn Davis, Holly Stiles, Mae Creadick, Brad Stark, Tikkun Gottschalk, Mike Drye, Carol Goins, James Ellis, Bill Christy, Ingrid Friesen and Bar Administrator Lisa-Gaye Hall.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

The September 2011 minutes were reviewed and no changes were made.

Ryan Beadle presented the treasurer's report and reviewed the balance and profit and loss sheets with the committee. Mr. Beadle explained a large portion of dues have been paid. Per our discussion last month, YLD expenses have now been added to our budget. Mr. Christy moved to accept the minutes and treasurer's report, Ms. Friesen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

Mr. Beadle stated that last month all members with overdue Bar dues were contacted by various members of the EC. Only 3 members have not yet responded. Those members' names have been turned in to the Bar, and they have 30 days to respond to the Bar. The Finance Committee is collecting 1 to 2 Bar dues per week.

CLE Committee:

Ms. Creadick reported on the upcoming Nov 4th LGBT CLE which is now being advertised in the weekly e-news. Mr. Tate explained the point of this CLE is to educate our members regarding legal issues that affect citizens in this community, including LGBT citizens, and we need to be able to meet that need. Any official response that needs to be given regarding this CLE can come from Mr. Tate and Jim Barrett. Ms. Hall will draft a press release to advertise this CLE to non-lawyers. The 28th JDB is also co-sponsoring several other PLS CLEs this fall.

Communications Committee:

Ms. McMinn had nothing to report.

Special Events:

Ms. Hall reported that Mr. Coxie had a conflict with our meeting today. This committee is currently addressing fundraising for the open bar at the holiday party on December 2, 2011. We need the funds raised by early November. Ms. Hall handed out a sponsorship form and contact sheet for former sponsors. Several members of the EC agreed to contact potential sponsors.

Pro Bono Committee:

Mr. Gottschalk stated that the newest version of the pro se packets have been drafted. Susan Dotson-Smith has been working with PLS attorney Alex Gomes to change the format to streamline the pro se process for the Clerk's office.

Mr. Gottschalk also reported that PLS, the Pro Bono Committee and the Bar Association have been discussing "hotline" programs. The Bar Association has pro bono programs similar to our MAVL hotline. The PBC and PLS are working with the Bar Association to avoid conflicts.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Christy advised that the mentoring program with the 28th JDB will make a recommendation to this committee regarding our local mentoring program. The EC recommended some attorneys to Mr. Christy to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Real Estate Exploratory Committee:

Mr. Drye requested two volunteers to serve on this committee, including someone with experience with commercial real estate. Ms. Hall will send out a request to the Bar to serve on this committee. Mr. Drye explained to the new members of the EC the idea behind this committee.

Upcoming Programs:

Ms. Friesen sought input for January and February bar meetings. Members of the EC discussed ideas for bar lunch speakers.

Other Business:**President's Report**

Mr. Tate reported that we've had good turn out for Bar lunches and the swearing-in ceremony. He encourages that we attend Bar events, and asked that we continue to contact fellow attorneys to invite them to Bar events. Mr. Tate thanked members of the EC and Ms. Hall for her work on the swearing-in ceremony, and thanked Cindy Holman for coordinating the Federal Court program. Mr. Tate noted that we accidentally scheduled our swearing-in for the second day of Rosh Hashanah. We are now tracking Jewish holidays and will be mindful of these conflicts in the future.

Mr. Tate received in the mail the notice from the Bar seeking nominations for the "General Practice Hall of Fame." Ms. Hall will notify the Bar of this open nomination. We have not had a 28th JDB member inducted since 2002. We can discuss in the November meeting who we would like to nominate. Mr. Tate explained that is meant for veteran attorneys and reviewed the requirements of this award.

Mr. Tate stated we have a request for a speaker on the sales tax before the Bar. Mr. Tate stated that we tend to avoid political discussion at our Bar meetings, however we do not have a formal policy in place. Members of the EC expressed concern over having political views discussed at Bar meetings that may not relate to the Bar/ legal issues, and without the opposing view represented. The EC preferred to not develop a formal policy.

Next Meeting:

The next regular EC meeting will be on _____, 2011 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 October, 2011.

M. Mae Creadick