

28th Judicial District Bar

Buncombe County, NC



Minutes of the April 9, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance:

A quorum was present.

In attendance were: Doug Tate, Mae Creadick, Tim Tyson (on behalf of Young Lawyers), James Bailey, Alan Coxie, James Ellis, Tikkun Gottschalk, Eileen McMinn, Holly Stiles, Ingrid Friesen, Brad Stark, Bill Christy, Jason Peltz, Jason Gast and Bar Administrator Lisa-Gaye Hall.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

The March 2012 minutes were reviewed and no changes were made.

Mr. Tate reviewed the treasurer's report and reviewed the balance and profit and loss sheets with the committee. Upon request of Mr. Tate the March minutes and treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Tate explained he accepted Ryan Beadle's resignation as Treasurer. Mr. Beadle is relocating to Florida, but was able to participate in the FC's last meeting where he was given a certificate of appreciation. Under the By-Laws the nominating committee must meet to nominate a new treasurer. Mr. Christy reported the Nominating Committee met March 28th for the purpose of submitting a name to this committee to fill the opening of Treasurer. They nominated James Bailey, who has agreed to serve as Treasurer. The NC is recommending James Bailey. Upon the Nominating Committee's motion, the Executive Committee unanimously agreed to appoint James Bailey to the remainder of Ryan Beadle's term as treasurer of the 28th JDB.

Finance Committee:

Bar Cares:

Mr. Tate reviewed this program with the committee. In the past, a main concern of this committee has been the cost for this program. Mr. Tate explained that now we can arrange to have a flat fee or a pay-as-we-go cost structure for Bar Cares. Ms. Hall referenced a document which explains the procedure for Bar Cares (attached). The Finance Committee is recommending the utilization payment option – payment of sessions at \$200 each. Bar members are eligible for only 3 visits. Ms. Hall explained that the Finance Committee is recommending that we budget \$7,775 for next year, beginning July 1, 2012. However, as this is a "pay as we go" program we will only expend as much as the members use, with a total capped at \$7,775. This program is anonymous. The report we will receive only provides us the usage and fee. The provider for health care services is Pisgah Institute.

The EC discussed that our past concerns have been put to rest. This "pay as you go" program with Bar Cares was not an option the committee was aware of in the past. This program is not duplicated. One need not be a member of the Bar Association to access the Bar Cares program. There have been inquiries from our Bar members regarding whether we have this program. Bar Cares operates on a calendar year,

but we can start during any quarter. The Committee expressed support for the program. Several committee members involved in the past Bar Cares discussion expressed that the information provided now clears up our previous concerns about Bar Cares.

Upon the Motion of the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee unanimously approved to begin using the Bar Cares program. Mr. Tate will report this decision to Heidi Stewart, providing her due credit for suggesting we use this program.

Change in Bookkeeper:

The Finance Committee has decided to change our bookkeeper to a CPA firm. The cost is identical, and the service will be improved.

CLE Committee:

Ms. Creadick had nothing new to report.

Communications Committee:

Ms. McMinn had nothing new to report. A question was posed whether we use Monday e-news to inquire regarding a lost Will. The Communications Committee decided against using e-news for such purposes.

Special Events:

Mr. Coxie informed the Committee they have organized the spring picnic set for May 17th at Carrier Park.

Pro Bono Committee:

Mr. Gottschalk asked that we attend Wednesday's Bar lunch where we will be honoring members for pro bono awards.

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Christy reported a meeting is scheduled for April 25th. There are several individuals expressing interest in being involved with this group. Ms. Hall will make one more announcement in the e-news for members interested in being involved on the EC.

Upcoming Programs:

Ms. Friesen reported on our upcoming programs: Pro Bono in April, a mentoring program in May and our annual meeting in June.

Other Business:

New Business

The nomination process has begun for Centennial and Professionalism Award. At our May meeting we will take nominations for these awards. Notice has already gone out through e-news. We have received two nominations. Bar members have a deadline of April 20th to make a nomination.

President's Report

Mr. Tate reported we have a request for sponsorship: the Women of Wisdom banquet on May 17, 2012. NCAWA has not yet filled out the required sponsorship form but have been asked to do so. We have \$550 left in our sponsorship line item. We sponsored this event 2 years ago.

Mr. Coxie moved that we support the event in the amount of \$350, Ms. McMinn seconded. The EC decided to table the motion and complete a vote via email once we have the written sponsorship information.

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 April, 2012.

M. Mae Creadick