

# 28th Judicial District Bar

Buncombe County, NC



## Minutes of the August 8, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting

### In Attendance:

A quorum was present.

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

### Introductions:

Doug Tate called the meeting to order, and introduced new members of the Executive Committee: Ryan Beadle and Holly Stiles. Mr. Tate also welcomed Lynne Davis, the newly elected President of the Young Lawyer's Division (YLD) of the 28<sup>th</sup> JDB, who will be attending executive committee meetings as an invited guest through the year.

### Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

The June 2011 minutes were reviewed and no changes were made. Mr. Peltz moved to accept 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. Mr. Coxie moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Gast seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Finance Committee:**

Mr. Beadle explained that this committee is recommending a new procedure whereby members can pay dues via credit card on the Buncombe County Bar website. Ms. Hall explained that this process will be streamlined with the use of PayPal. Previously the Bar has worked with Priority Payment Systems, which has proven more costly than PayPal. After some discussion, Ms. Friesen made a motion for the 28<sup>th</sup> JDB to set up a PayPal account for payment of dues on our website. Mr. Gast seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Hall stated that notices for current dues will reflect the option for attorneys to pay online using PayPal.

#### **CLE Committee:**

Ms. Creadick reported that thanks to Mr. Tate and Ms. Hall, the Professionalism CLE with Chief Justice Sarah Parker was a great success. The goal of this committee is to offer 4 affordable local CLEs to our Bar. CLEs planned this year include an LGBT Law CLE, an Ethics CLE on de-escalation, and several potential CLEs co-sponsored with PLS. Ms. Creadick asked that members of the EC with additional ideas for CLE this year communicate those to her or other members of the CLE Committee.

#### **Communications Committee:**

Ms. Hall and Ms. McMinn reported that they have worked well together to edit the weekly e-news. The next Bar Briefs will be out in September.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Mr. Christy advised the committee that we will vote on a Nominating Committee between now and the next EC meeting. He asked members to send him any nominations.

#### **Pro Bono Committee:**

Nothing to report.

**Upcoming Programs:**

Ms. Friesen and Mr. Tate reported the speakers for upcoming bar lunches as follows:

September - Robert M Hurley, North Carolina Capital Defender

October - Roy Cooper, Attorney General for North Carolina

November – Erik Mazzone, Director, Center for Practice Management of the NC Bar Association

The committee decided to offer 20 seats to members outside the 28<sup>th</sup> JDB for the September Bar meeting and charge \$18 for lunch, the current charge for guests.

**New Business:****Wills for Heroes**

Mr. Coxie reported that following the recent tragic loss of an Asheville firefighter, he has suggested that we organize another Wills for Heroes program. Mr. Coxie spoke with the Mayor, the Assistant Fire Chief and several members of the community regarding such a program. Mr. Coxie is working with Ms. Hall on this program whereby firefighters will be able to obtain a Will and other advance directives from a pro bono attorney of the 28<sup>th</sup> JDB.

Ms. Davis offered to have the YLD assist with this program. Ms. Creadick offered the use of PLS facilities for this program.

**Library Update:**

Mr. Coxie reported that he has a list of a number of law library books that are in storage which the Buncombe County library would like to move out of storage. He suggests that a committee determine which items should be kept. There are currently 38 pallets of books. Mr. Peltz volunteered to take on this project and he will work with LG to reach a recommendation for this committee.

**President's Report**

Mr. Tate reported that our Professionalism CLE was a good start to the year. So far we have received one call for PALS this month – the program that provides confidential assistance for lawyers with mental health, alcohol or substance abuse problems. He suggested that if anyone is aware of an attorney who is in need of help, they contact PALS, or contact him or Ms. Hall directly.

Mr. Tate handed out committee assignments and reviewed them with the EC. Ms. Booth agreed to serve on the Special Events Committee rather than the CLE Committee. Ms. McMinn agreed to Chair the Communications Committee. Mr. Tate explained committee leaders will organize meetings and bring recommendations from their committee to the Executive Committee. Mr. Christy developed this system last year, and it seemed to work very well.

Ms. Hall reminded the committee to please contact her in the event of a 28<sup>th</sup> JDB attorney's death so that she can timely report the passing in the e-news.

Ms. Hall will review our past minutes to determine this committee's decision with regard to Bar Cares and what we do provide as far as counseling services to the Bar.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regular EC meeting will be on Sept. 6, 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 August, 2011.

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M. Mae Creadick