

***MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MAY 26, 2016
SCOTT COUNTY COURTHOUSE***

The Annual Meeting of the Scott County Bar Association was called to order by President Ben Patterson, at 11:00 a.m. on May 26, 2016, in the large West Courtroom of the Scott County Courthouse. There were approximately 68 members in attendance.

Court of Appeals Judge Michael Mullins and Chief Judge Marlita A. Greve were in attendance and welcomed to the meeting.

President Patterson received a motion, properly seconded and unanimously approved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2015 previously conducted on May 21, 2015.

The election ballots were distributed to all members present. The candidates were as follows:

Vice President:	Jennifer Olsen Becky Sharpe
Secretary:	Dennis D. Jasper
Treasurer:	Steven H. Jacobs
Executive Council:	Josh Cobie Meghan Corbin Miguel Puentes Benjamin Samuelson

Jacobs presented the Treasurer's Report indicating we had receivables approximately \$1,000 in excess of our expenses.

Judge Michael Mullins of the Court of Appeals was present for the presentation of the Supreme Court Pro Bono Recognition awards. These awards are to those individual attorneys donating at least 50 hours of unpaid legal services to ones in need without the ability of payment. This is all in accord with the Access to Justice and the encouragement of all of the lawyers to participate in pro bono work which is simply too much to be handled by Iowa Legal Aid. The eight lawyers so recognized for their 50 hours of work without compensation are:

Abbey Furlong
Judy Herrmann
Sandra Madsen
Kelsey Marquard

Tommie Miller
Rich Roller
Kurt Spurgeon
Marlin Volz, Jr.

Judge Greve provided comments involving current issues as follows:

1. Budget issues are of concern; there are insufficient funds to maintain the current level of services and many different ideas have been considered. A decision is expected next week as to the reductions.
2. The remodeling project on first floor on the east end is completed and should be available the next day for use for intake court. The juvenile court room is almost done and they will be commencing work on the south west corner of the building to complete the Associate Court area.
3. Security has been tightened and everyone is going to be placed through the metal detectors. The employees and judges will be entering the other doorways. This is only a measure to increase security and no reflection upon any group.
4. It is no longer necessary to be present for probate, guardianship and conservatorship issues as previously required. The only time you must appear before a Judge is the request for an Exparte Injunction. If a Judge has any questions the Judge would then respond to the lawyer accordingly.
5. Everyone was reminded to use the Dissolution Checklist.
6. Lunch N Learn would be later that afternoon and Judge Fowler and Judge Lawson has been responsible for scheduling. Any suggestions for programs should be sent to Judge Fowler or Judge Greve.
7. The felon status hearings have been utilized for approximately one year, and have been useful and will be continued.
8. The Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief are now assigned to a particular Judge. Again, we need volunteers willing to participate in representation of the indigent.

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9. Certified interpreters are required. Court Administration must be notified as soon of possible when an interpreter is needed. There is also the use of the Language Line.

Justice Waterman was unable to attend the meeting but sent written confirmation of his appreciation for our assistance in providing a “resounding” success with the Iowa State Bench/Bar Meeting. A new record was set of 181 attendees, which is by far the most ever attended. He stated all of the programs were excellent and the extracurricular activities were well attended.

There were Memorials for deceased members: Grant David Binegar, Elliot R. “Jack” McDonald and Rand S. Wonio. The Memorials were presented by Chairperson J. Molyneaux. The Orders were prepared and delivered to the Honorable Marlita A. Greve for endorsement. After filing the Memorials and Orders, a copy of the Memorials and respective Orders were to be mailed to the families by Secretary D. Jasper. Molyneaux requested personalized information for any member that might pass away in the next year to be included in any Memorial.

President Patterson stated he had received some of the reports from the Committees and any additional comments may be made at the time of the announcement of each Committee as follows:

CLE Committee – Patterson reported the Last Chance Seminar is the program provided by the Bar at the end of each year. In December, 2015, eighty individuals attended resulting in \$1,650 for HELP and \$3,600 for our Association.

Fee Dispute Committee – Runnels indicated there were three carry over cases and two new cases. All but one was resolved.

Membership Committee – J. Molyneaux encouraged all our members to encourage others to join our Association.

Mock Trial Committee – There is a middle and high school competition. There were 13 teams in the middle school competition. Iowa won the National High School Competition. There is always a need for Judges and coaches to volunteer.

Real Estate Committee – No new report was received.

Social Committee – L. Jasper indicated 160 people attended the Night at the Ballpark last year and this year will be June 30, 2016. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the game at 7:00 p.m. The cost for each individual is \$8 and the Bar Association pays the remaining \$20 for each ticket.

Women's Bar Committee – Rock Island and Scott Counties join together with a meeting scheduled for June 2016. This meeting is designed to plan the events and direction of this group.

Young Lawyer's Committee – The Committee was very active: they had three meetings with the Judges; a tour of the Scott County Jail; a game night; a movie night; and an event for those just completing the bar examination. New lawyers were invited.

Barrister Ball Committee – The Barrister Ball was held on March 5, 2016. There were 120 guests with a donation to HELP of \$18,844.30. Everyone was reminded our Association subsidized the cost.

Audit Committee – VanVooren reported the committee had audited the books of our association and everything was in good order.

J. Swanberg wanted to thank everyone in the Bar Associate for their continued support. In particular she thanked the Barrister Ball Committee; the Scott County Bar Association; J. Dane; the Pat Cepican committee members; the Endowment Committee; R. Davidson; and Lane and Waterman. There will be a CLE provided on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose. She also encouraged everyone to participate in the Birdies for Charity naming HELP Legal Aid as the recipient. Finally, she announced a challenge from the Bechtel Trust wherein they will match \$30,000 if there are \$30,000 of

new funds committed by other sources. They are also moving to an adjacent building from their current office.

Patterson then took the opportunity to have the new lawyers introduced themselves. Those individuals were:

Tim Gulbranson – Lane and Waterman
Blake Newman – County Attorney’s Office
Andrea Glasgow – County Attorney’s Office
Peter Wessels – Wessels Law Office

At this time the results of the election were announced and those elected were congratulated as follows:

President:	Jordan Kaplan
Vice President:	Jennifer Olsen
Secretary:	Dennis D. Jasper
Treasurer:	Steven H. Jacobs
Executive Council:	Meghan Corbin Benjamin Samuelson

Patterson recognized all members of the Executive Council by name and thanked them for their services. This was met with a round of applause. He also congratulated Jennie Clausen, James Tappa and Steven Berger for their final year of service on the Executive Council.

Patterson then introduced Jordan Kaplan as the incoming president and passed the gavel to Kaplan. Kaplan thanked everyone for their participation.

Kaplan thanked Patterson for his active participation as President this past year. On behalf of our Association, Kaplan presented a plaque in gratitude and recognition to Patterson, as past president.

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D. Jasper informed everyone there was a trivia night for the benefit of the Ramirez family to be held on Friday, July 8, 2016. This trivia night will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport with groups of eight people at the cost of \$10 per person. They are requesting contributions of gift baskets, silent auction items and any monetary contribution, all for the benefit of the Ramirez family.

No further business was conducted.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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