

## ***SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER***

*MARCH 2008*

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of February 2008. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

**MOCK TRIAL:** Judges for Mock Trials are needed for March 8, 2007. Please contact Ian Russell at 324-3246 to volunteer and for more information.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of the Scott County Bar Association will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in one of the large courtrooms on the third floor of the Scott County Courthouse. Please be in attendance.

**ELECTIONS:** The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the near future to present a slate of candidates for the 2008-2009 fiscal year of our Association. Anyone interested in serving in any capacity should contact Wonio at 324-3246.

**TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT:** The Third Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament was held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at the Davenport Country Club. 19 players and 7 paid guests attended. Congratulations to Mark Fowler for winning the tournament. Approximately \$1,284 will be contributed to HELP as a result of this event. Everyone should consider participating or at least observing in the future.

**HELP CONTRIBUTIONS:** There were three contribution checks from our Association delivered to HELP as follows: \$12,175 from Barrister Ball; \$4,000 from Last Chance Seminar; and contributions added on to the dues by various members of \$1,350. Thanks for the support of everyone participating in these events.

**NEED HELP?:** Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

***SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION***

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

February 26, 2008

Present: Parker, Jacobs, Wallace, Thill, Dusthimer, Syverud, Cervantes, Hofmann, DeLange, Waterman, Gieck, Jasper

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Bar & Grill and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Parker.

Guests: The Honorable Patrick J. Madden was invited, but was unable to attend.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of January 29, 2008, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented a written report. There has been very little income and financial activity. For last year, however, there were three checks to HELP: \$12,175 from Barrister Ball; \$4,000 from Last Chance Seminar; and contributions added on to the dues by various members of \$1,350.

Bob Waterman was present and provided three reports. The first was a report from the ABA concerning the Iowa Bar Association. He also presented his report and the legislation being presented concerning abstracting. The new Iowa State Bar Association Building is open and is apparently very, very nice. They have met their goal to pay for same of \$3,000,000. There are 17 applicants for the position available due to the retirement of Justice Larson; Tom Waterman is a local applicant. Anyone with any questions or ideas should contact Bob Waterman at 324-3246.

Thill reports Poker Night was very successful. There were 19 players and another 7 in the audience. The gross receipts were \$2,120 with expenses of approximately \$738 plus tax. Approximately \$1,284 will be donated to HELP. Mark Fowler won the event and there were prizes for the top 8 players.

On February 11, 2008, a letter was directed to Sheriff Conard based on the report from Treimer and the rules and regulations of the jail. There was a general consensus it is getting better. A response should be forthcoming from Sheriff Conard.

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The Mock Trial Competition is scheduled for March 8, 2008, at the Scott County Courthouse from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Judges and monitors are needed. Anyone interested should contact Ian Russell at 324-3246.

Wonio is contacting the past five presidents to meet as the Nominating Committee. Anyone having a recommendation should contact Wonio.

The Annual Meeting of the Scott County Bar Association will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held on the third floor of the Courthouse in one of the large courtrooms. Everyone should plan on being in attendance. It was suggested that the Memorial Committee personally invite the family members of each deceased attorney to attend the annual meeting. It was also the general consensus a reception following the annual meeting will be held if there are any awards or special circumstances warranting same.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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