

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

*SEPTEMBER 2009*

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of August 2009. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

**FALL GOLF OUTING:** Don't forget the Annual Golf Outing on September 10, 2009, at Palmer Hills Golf Course. Tee times are at noon with dinner to follow. Anyone interested should contact Steve Berger at 326-1000.

**CLE:** See attached notification and registrations of the ongoing Patricia Rhodes Cepican CLE Series scheduled for November 11, 2009. This seminar will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Wells Fargo Annex, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Harrison in Davenport. The agenda and registration form is attached. Any questions should be directed to Jack Dane, 326-0006.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** The organizers of the Annual Picnic blame the weather for the poor attendance this year. The location was beautiful after the weather finally cleared. In the morning and early afternoon it rained and only about 50 to 60 people were present. Our chef was great and the food was superb. We had plenty of beer, pop, bottled water, candy and events. The swimming pools were awesome and it is projected we will have the same event next year at the same location. All who attended said they had a great time.

**MEETING:** The ISBA Task Force for Enhancement of Delivery of Legal Services will have their meeting following the last session of the Traveling CLE Seminar. Everyone is encouraged to attend and if you have any comments or information, please contact Mike Byrne at 324-3246.

**REMINDER:** Scott County Lawyer Referral Service Registration - The number of registrations is down from last year. Please remember with the bar newsletter being sent in an email format to many of the members, you will need to print out the form and send it in. If you have questions or problems, please contact Linda Molyneaux, Chair, Scott County Lawyer Referral Service, 736 Federal Street #1401, Davenport IA 52803; phone 563-322-6216; fax 563-884-4461; email [lmolyneaux@iowalaw.org](mailto:lmolyneaux@iowalaw.org).

**COPY PAPER:** Members are requested to deliver reams of copy paper to the Court Administrator's Office if we want to continue to utilize the copy machine. Everyone should make an effort to bring a ream or two of copy paper as soon as possible.

**THANK YOU:** The Pro Bono Project of the Scott County Bar Association and HELP Legal Assistance wishes to thank the following attorneys who have recently accepted Pro Bono Referrals:

Kate Cox	Carrie Coyle	Jack Darland
Marc Engelmann	Brian Fairfield	Daniel Kresowik
Eric Long (2)	Wendy Meyer	Kenza Nelson
Curt Oppel	Ian Russell	Amanda Sanchez
Barbara Wallace	Lane and Waterman (5)	
Stanley, Lande and Hunter (3)		
Deere and Company Law Department		

**ANNUAL DUES:** Your Scott County Bar Association Dues are now payable and you should deliver your check to Steven H. Jacobs, 600 Union Arcade Building, Davenport, Iowa 52801. We would like to distribute new Rosters every year on or about September 1. Therefore, if dues are not paid by that date, you will either not be included in the Roster or it may contain inaccurate information.

**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

August 25, 2009

Present: DeVine, Larson, Jacobs, Gross, Berger, Leddin, Gieck, Cervantes, Jasper

Guest: Mike Byrne

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Vice President Gieck as President Davidson was unavailable.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of July 28, 2009, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented his written Treasurer's Report and the annual dues are being paid. We are in the black. We did not hear anything from the Public Relations Committee, but we do not know if Davidson had contacted them. Gieck will contact Zamora of the Public Relations Committee to discuss same. We still need to have the Public Relations Committee have a plan for the publicity of the distribution of the monies from the Barrister Ball and the ongoing Patricia Rhodes Cepican CLE's. Currently we are holding approximately \$25,900 that should be delivered to HELP. Again Swanberg is to be contacted to determine if now is a good time.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic was poorly attended, but those involved blamed it on the weather. It rained most of the morning and some of the afternoon. The chef was great and the food was superb. We had a great time and later in the afternoon, the sun came out. The pool was beautiful and was quite relaxing. It was a great location and everyone attending felt it was a very nice place to have such an event. Hopefully, more people will consider attending if there is better weather next year.

Berger handed out registration forms to everyone present and encouraged everyone to attend and promote the Golf Outing this year to be held on September 10, 2009. If you do not like to golf, please come to enjoy the dinner afterwards. Any inquiries, please contact Berger at 326-1000.

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ISBA Task Force Enhancement for Delivery of Legal Services will be presented after the Traveling CLE seminar of the Iowa State Bar Association. Our new representative of the Board of Governors, Mike Byrne, reports the major concern is to save money and cost effectiveness through the current court systems. He indicates the Task Force would really appreciate all input and information available by the membership. If you have any comments or information, contact Byrne at 324-3246.

Derek Jones has accepted a position as a public defender in Mason City and will be leaving the area in the next several weeks. It was the general consensus his position on the Executive Council will not be filled at this time. Everyone wished Derek the best fortune in Mason City.

The Court Administrator announced the Central Collections Unit has apparently indicated each county can either collect all the monies or none of the monies owed to the State from each respective County. This "all or nothing" approach has been accepted by Scott County and apparently the Scott County Attorney's Office is going to attempt all collections for unpaid monies to the State of Iowa from Scott County. Many counties might not be able to do this and it was suggested having the Central Collections Unit and the County Attorney's Office together collecting monies would be better as long as they each collected money for the State.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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