

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

August 26, 2014

Present: Ripley, Gierut, Berger, Clausen, Sommers, Jacobs, Aitken, Walker, Motto, Copell, Jasper

Guests: Judge Henry Latham, II

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Berger.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of July 29, 2014, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs presented the Treasurer's Report indicating we currently have a positive balance for this year, however, dues are being collected and many expenses have not yet been incurred. Everyone should make sure to pay their annual dues.

Berger reports the golf outing has expenses of approximately \$300. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize expenditure up to \$300.

Jasper reported the Annual Picnic was a great success. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. He wished more people would attend, but we did have about 75 to 80 people throughout the day.

The Women's Bar Association at their meeting requested reimbursement of \$500 for their most recent social event. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved for the expenditure of \$500.

Judge Latham was present and indicated the Judges are preparing a list of Orders that will still have to be presented to a judge personally as opposed through the EDMS system. Such a list is existing in the 6th District and our Judges are requesting a copy. If anyone has any interest or concern they can contact Judge Latham.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the placement of judicial portraits in the back halls of the third floor of the Courthouse. Upon the retirement of Judge McKenrick his portrait as well as the portrait of John Nahra was taken to the second floor. At the time it

was thought the general public might get the wrong impression of influence by these individuals. The integrity of both men were never questioned, but it could be the appearance of impropriety. Nahra was very concerned about his portrait being removed from the third floor as he indicates is no longer practicing law, but does act occasionally as a Guardian or Conservator, (but always has a legal representative appointed.) His mediation is conducted outside the Courthouse. After a lengthy discussion it was moved, seconded and approved for the portrait of John Nahra be placed in the hallways on the third floor of the Courthouse with the other Judges. It was the general consensus there is a big difference between lawyers that are actually practicing law that are retired Judges versus a retired Judge that has very limited contact with the Courthouse.

Berger brought up the fact there is an advertisement of the photographer on some of the new portraits. Jasper has talked to the representative of the photographer and that should be resolved.

Motto requested use of the composite disc in possession of Jasper. The photographer provided a copy on disc for Jasper. It was the general consensus this should not be used by individuals as they could still purchase same from the photographer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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