

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

January 27, 2015

Present: Walker, Berger, Sommers. Clausen, Tappa Ripley, Motto, Boesen, Patterson, Jasper

Guests: Judge Cleve

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 October 28, 2014, and the minutes of the informal meeting on November 24, 2014, were unanimously approved without amendment.

There was no report from the Treasurer.

Berger reported there was an approval by telephone to authorize expenditure of up to \$500 for the Young Lawyers Committee and two grants of \$1,000 each for law students with connections to Scott County.

The Cepican CLE resulted in \$900 being forwarded to our Association. Since Jacobs was not present, there was not current information available to determine if it was then to be deposited and then returned to HELP or if it is a distribution to the bar. It was determined we should discuss the contributions to HELP since they are no longer an independent organization and Berger will report at a later date.

Patterson indicated the Last Chance Seminar resulted in 69 paid attendees. \$25 was contributed from each tuition resulting in a donation to HELP of \$1,725 and \$1,925.37 to our Association after payment of all the expenses.

Calvin Dane and Kirby W. Kelley, III, are scheduled to take the upcoming bar examination. Berger reviewed their records and there was no concerns.

Joshua T. Cobre has met all the qualifications of our local Resolution pertaining to recommendations for authority to certify real estate abstracts. Sommers reports there has been a moratorium on granting any independent authorization to abstract other than if

there is an actual land title record in the office of the abstractor. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to recommend Cobre as a title guaranty abstractor. Sommers will provide additional information.

Judge Cleve was present and was most helpful in responding to any questions concerning EDMS. There have been requests for access to the templates for Orders to have lawyers prepare the proposed Orders for the Judges. The templates have been provided to the office of the County Attorney.

Clausen presented a question from Dane concerning the local rules. Judge Cleve indicated they were still in full force and effect. They are under consideration to be rescinded, but no action has been taken.

Judge Greve has announced a new hearing for criminal proceedings in felony cases. There will be a status hearing approximately one to two weeks before the scheduling conference, which is generally the Wednesday morning before each trial. At that time it is anticipated plea agreements will be made available as well as authority to settle. Attached is the explanation directly from Judge Greve.

The Barrister Ball needs to be scheduled and Berger will contact the Co-chairs, Angelique Lund and Abby Furlong as dated needs to be scheduled for people to make appropriate plans.

There were no further discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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