

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the months of October and November 2015 and January 2016. The Minutes for January have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

NIGHT WITH THE MALLARDS: Please remember the Night with the Mallards will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016. The ticket cost is \$20 per person, however, the Bar Association is sponsoring same and tickets to the membership, their families and the Courthouse staff will purchase their tickets for \$5 each. It is \$1 beer/hot dog night. Sign up now to attend by contacting D. Jasper at janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net, or 332-8181 with reservations and your money for tickets.

BARRISTER BALL: The Barrister Ball will be held at the Black Hawk Gold/Davenport Rooms at the Black Hawk Hotel on March 5, 2016. Invitations have been sent and reservations should be made by everyone. Any questions can be directed to A. Furlong at afurlong@l-wlaw.com.

IOWA BENCH/BAR MEETING: The State Bench/Bar Meeting will be held in Davenport. Patterson is establishing a committee and anyone interested in participating should contact him at bpatterson@l-wlaw.com.

REMINDERS: 1. When filing a final Stipulation for a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage you must file a Dissolution Checklist. These forms are available at the office of the Court Administrator. 2. When closing an Estate you must file a Final Report and the attorney must then be present at Order Hour to answer any last minute questions from the Judge to file the final Order. The Probate Checklist should have already been submitted as well with a note to the Judge indicating the attorney would be in shortly with the Order.

CRIMINAL COURT TIP: If you have an indictable criminal case that does NOT have the associated simple/traffic attached from the beginning of the case you must go to the Clerk's office to have it added. This can occur when an officer files the indictable and then even a few hours later might file the simple misdemeanors. The Clerk will assign them different PIN's and therefore it is important to have this corrected as soon as possible.

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

October 27, 2015

Present: Patterson, Kaplan, Berger, Russell, Tappa, Boesen, Gierut, Aitken, Sommers, Furlong, McElyea

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Patterson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of September 27, 2015, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Patterson noted that the 2016 Iowa Bench-Bar Conference has been scheduled for May 4-6 and will take place in Davenport this year.

Furlong, Chair of Barrister's Ball Committee presented a proposal for holding the 2016 Barrister's Ball at the Blackhawk Hotel. Moving the event would increase costs of the event and likely result in reduced funds raised for HELP. It was moved and approved that the ticket price for SCBA members to attend the Barrister's Ball be set at \$50, with the SCBA picking up any expenses beyond the \$50 ticket price.

Barrister's Ball is scheduled for March 5, 2016

The Disney on Ice and Night at the Mallards events are being planned and should be good events for the SCBA membership.

Patterson indicated he invited Judge Reidel as Administrative Judge, however, he was unavailable.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin J. Patterson

President

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

November 24, 2015

Present: Gierut, Berger, McElyea, Walker, Tappa, Aitken, Furlong, Kaplan, Patterson, Russell, Jasper

Guests: Judge Tabor, V. Motto, Cobie and Mason

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

There were no Minutes of the meeting for October 2015 were presented as Jasper was ill and did not attend. Patterson indicated he may be able to present Minutes of the October meeting later.

Jacobs was not present and no Treasurer's Report was presented.

Patterson reports the Last Chance Seminar will be on December 18, 2015, at Steeplegate. There was a survey of costs and Steeplegate was the most reasonable. It was suggested a presentation on criminal and domestic issues should be considered.

R. Heninger suggested it may not be necessary to keep the mailbox system in the office of the Court Administrator. It was discussed and it was generally accepted it should be maintained but if one is to utilize same you should notify the other attorney as many attorneys do not check their box on a regular basis because of the new EDMS system.

V. Motto was present for the 29th year of the Law School Grants. He explained the history of this program. Motto is retiring from the chair of this committee and Cobie was present to accept the position. Cobie will then contact Iowa and Drake Law Schools, as well as publish it in the newspaper about this Grant and it is open to all currently attending an accredited law school and has ties with Scott County. Each person applying could be selected with the condition if you are a child or grandchild of a bar association member you would receive an additional entry into the lottery. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to have two separate \$1,000 grants. It will be sometime in January/February and more information will be provided.

Judge Tabor was welcomed as the current Administrative Judge. She had the following recommendations:

1. Be careful on the Orders because sometimes there are inaccuracies in the heading and it is very difficult for the Judge to be responsible to check each one.
2. It is recommended you remove the signature line from Stipulations and Orders because the Judges have an electronic signature on a separate document.
3. Avoid dating the document as again it is on the Order page of the Judge.
4. One should file Motions and Responses to Motions several days before the hearing itself. There are some delays in the entry of these documents into the que of the particular Judge.

Mason was present on behalf of the Young Lawyers Committee. They are currently coordinating with the Young Lawyers Committee in Rock Island. On February 4, 2016, they are having a Movie Night at the Establishment Theater. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the movie is at 6:00 p.m. featuring "My Cousin Vinny". The request is for funding of \$350 which was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2016, at Noon at the Outing Club. There is no meeting in December.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

DDJ/jg

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

January 26, 2016

Present: Berger, Sommers, Aitken, Tappa, Patterson, Clausen, Kaplan, Furlong, Walker, McElyea, Jasper

Guests: Judge Mark J. Smith, Swanberg, Shepherd

President Patterson welcomed Judge Smith and Guests Swanberg and Shepherd to the meeting.

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 Patterson.

The minutes of the meeting of October 2015 were submitted by Patterson as Jasper was not in attendance. Jasper presented the Minutes for the month of November. Both were reviewed, moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Jacobs had emailed the Treasurer's Report and there was no discussion.

Patterson reported the Last Chance CLE was a great success. People enjoyed the presentations and there was good attendance.

Swanberg and Shepherd were present to remind the Executive Council of their association with Iowa Legal Aid. They are still in need of assistance for operational expenses, which will be kept locally. They have just received a matching challenge from the Waterman and Hubbell Trusts for any newly donated funds of \$30,000.

Judge Smith indicated there were new security doors in the hallways in the third floor. The Court Attendants do not have a pass button. Judge Smith also reminded everyone of the need to submit a dissolution checklist whenever filing a final Decree of Dissolution of Marriage. Further, everyone is reminded to close an Estate a Final Report needs to be filed and the attorney needs to attend Order Hour.

The Bench/Bar Meeting will be held in Davenport on May 4, 5 and 6, 2016, and everyone should set those dates aside as there will be limited Court hearings and everyone is encouraged to attend. Volunteers will be needed and Patterson is establishing a committee for the event. Judge Smith indicated he would consult with the Judges and see who might volunteer to be on the committee.

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Jasper reminded everyone of the Night with the Mallards on February 5, 2016, with \$1 beer and hot dogs. All clerks, Courthouse employees, attorneys, families and staff are welcome at the cost of only \$5 per person. Contact Jasper or Janet at 563/332-8181 or janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net

The Barrister Ball Committee is concerned about the subsidy the Bar Association is providing those members attending the Barrister Ball. The subsidy is provided to Judges and everyone wants to make sure the Judges feel comfortable in accepting same as it is a benefit from the Association and no individual attorney. Judge Smith will investigate and provide a response.

There were no further discussions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

DDJ/jg