

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of May 2016 and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Executive Council of May 2016. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

ELECTION RESULTS: The results of the election for Executive Council for the year 2016/2017 are as follows:

President:	Jordan Kaplan
Vice President:	Jennifer Olsen
Secretary:	Dennis D. Jasper
Treasurer:	Steven H. Jacobs
Executive Council:	Meghan Corbin Ben Samuelson

SECURITY PROTECTION: Please find attached the new security protocol as provided by Chief Judge Greve.

FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE: A bake sale to benefit the Ramirez family will be held at the Scott County Courthouse on June 23, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in room #258 (Second Floor). Please come and help support the Ramirez family and buy a goodie or two.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK: Again the Scott County Bar Association is sponsoring Baseball Night at Modern Woodman Park on Thursday, June 30, 2016. All lawyers, staff and Courthouse offices and their families are invited to attend as early as 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner of pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers and sides with water and pop being provided. Your cost will be \$8 with the remaining cost being paid by our Association. This will include admittance to the ballpark as well as dinner. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park. For reservations contact L. Jasper at lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net or 332-8181.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR THE RAMIREZ FAMILY: A trivia night is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2016, at the Knights of Columbus, 1111 W. 35th Street, Davenport, Iowa. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person with teams consisting of eight individuals. Payment will be collected at the night of the event and all checks should be made payable to Phil and Darla Ramirez. Cash bar, bring your own snacks, silent live

auction and other activities are scheduled. Gift baskets, silent auction items and monetary contributes are requested. To reserve your table contact Ashley Schwarz at 324-1000 or aschwarz@slhlaw.com. For more information contact Holly Swafford at swaff12@gmail.com or 940-8198.

FUNDRAISER: T-shirts/sweatshirts are now being sold as a fundraiser for Phil Ramirez. Anyone interested in a T-shirt and/or sweatshirt should contact Heidi McDonough at hmcDonough@yahoo.com. Orders must be received by June 23, 2016, at noon as they are only going to order the exact number has been placed by that date and time. Everyone should join in and sizes run from small to 5XL so everyone should be able to buy one.

MIC AT MAC'S: Anyone old enough to remember Mic at Mac's? Does anyone have any ideas to have a monthly gathering of lawyers just to exchange ideas and have a social event after work? Anyone with ideas should contact L. Jasper at 563/332-8181 or lynne.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net

FEE DISPUTE COMMITTEE: The Fee Dispute Committee is in need of a volunteer to be a member of the committee. Anyone interested should contact Kaplan at jak@bettylawfirm.com or Runnels at drunnels@bnpn.com

MEMOS: It is most important to place memos on your proposed Orders to assist the Judge to more fully understand the purpose of the document and the issues involved especially by agreement of the lawyers.

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HELP: We are trying to compile an updated list of the location of files of deceased/retired/no longer practicing attorneys. Anyone with any information should contact D. Jasper at 332-8181 or janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net. It was announced the files of Jay Sommers, Marc Engelmann and Warren Oxley are in the possession of Marc Gellerman.

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.

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

May 31, 2016

Present: Jacobs, Copell, Aitken, Kaplan, Samuelson, Walker, Sommers, Jasper

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 Kaplan.

Guest: The Honorable Stuart Werling

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of April 26, 2016, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs provided a written Treasurer's report indicating they have expended \$11,000 more than our income, however, it is due to the large contribution to HELP and the fact they have not received our bar dues that are currently being sent out.

Everyone was reminded of the Night at the Ballpark on June 30, 2016.

Jacobs reported the Rock Island Bar Association went to a professional website with a \$3,500 initial payment and \$150 per month to administer same. Jacobs further checked another similar organization that wanted to provide this service for a \$900 set up fee and \$100 per month. Both of these services would provide the same basic functions and we should consider same. Jacobs is going to investigate further with other possible webmasters and discuss the matter with S. Wing.

Kaplan reported the Judge Ebinger reception was well attended and a very nice gathering. By email it moved, seconded and approved to expend a total of \$623 as opposed to the original quote of \$500.

A discussion was held concerning an older lawyer committee and it was generally determined it was not needed.

A new member is needed for the Fee Dispute Committee. This should be placed in the Newsletter and either contact Kaplan or Runnels.

Judge Werling made comments on the following:

1. The announcement for the budget for the judicial branch will be published on June 1, 2016. There is no indication at this time of the actual content of the budget and the effects it may have on the court system.

2. The Judges are commenting they are missing the interaction with the lawyers on a daily basis due to EDMS. It was the general consensus the Judges would be supportive of events wherein lawyers and Judges could attend a gathering in an amicable atmosphere.

3. Everyone was reminded to use notes on the proposed Orders or Motions. It is best to let the Judge know of any concerns or agreements in the comment box before submitting the document.

Jacobs suggested we consider expenditures for more events such as the Night at the Ballpark. In particular he thought the Shriner's Circus and Camp Abe Lincoln would be something to investigate. Walker is to contact the YMCA and Copell is to talk with the Associate District Court Judges for their thoughts regarding identifying individuals that might benefit for a week at the Camp Abe Lincoln or Camp Shalom.

The idea of a Mic at Mac's is being considered as a good way to have the Judges and attorneys meet. The matter is referred to the Social Committee to try to determine different venues and the cost of a keg or an allowance that could support a group of lawyers meeting somewhere after work on a certain day of the month.

It was the general consensus there is really no need to have a search of attorneys coming into the Courthouse. Certain members expressed the fact we are Officers of the Court and it would be a better idea to have them issued a badge or some type of entry ability other than through the metal detector entry. It was considered just as confusing to the public when they see a lawyer walking through and not searched in the same manner as the general public and does seem rather redundant to have a lawyer checked every day when it is his or her routine to be at the Courthouse on a daily basis. Kaplan is to mention this at the Bar Presidents Meeting with the Chief Judge.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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The scott county security committee recently met and have suggested the following:

Court Room Seating During Criminal Trials. In court rooms 2 and 5, the defendant typically sits at the table nearest the witness stand. This creates a security risk in that the witness who may be a victim of the defendant tries to harm the defendant. Conversely, the defendant may try to harm a witness as the witness passes by. The Sheriff's office recommended simply switching counsel table. The recommendation is to have the defendant sit as near the wall as possible which would be more removed from the witness stand, jury box and Judge.

Screening. It was recommended that everyone entering the courthouse be screened at the metal detector. This would not be practical at this time, but to be more thorough it was recommended that any non-employee (including attorneys) be screened.

Card to enter courthouse. Each person should swipe their card as they enter the courthouse. If the door is being held open as a courtesy to a co-employee the employee walking in should swipe their card. The reason is that this leaves a record of who is in the building. In the event of a catastrophe, it could be swiftly determined who had evacuated the building, or who may yet be left behind. Not to be too dramatic, but in a fire or active shooter situation this information could be a matter of life or death.