

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

*JULY 2017*

**MINUTES:** Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of July 2017. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** The Eighteenth Seventeenth Annual Picnic of the Scott County Bar Association is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Windsor Crest Club in Davenport, Iowa from 11:00 a.m. to **3:00** p.m. We will be serving sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, cookies, pop, beer and bottled water. We have rented the pavilion and lunch will be served at 11:30 p.m. This event is open to all members of the Scott County Bar Association, staff and their families; Courthouse and Bicentennial Building employees and their families. Your food, drinks and swimming are free, compliments of your Scott County Bar Association. Please join us for a day of fun in the sun. Everyone is welcome to swim and/or watch their children swim and enjoy the day. Tennis courts are available if you wish to bring your equipment.

We would like to have an approximate headcount so it is important that people sign up ahead of time with names and number of people attending in their group. Signup sheets will be located in various offices at the Scott County Courthouse and Annex. For any further information, contact Janet at 332-8181 or [janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net](mailto:janet.jasperlaw@qwestoffice.net).

**FALL GOLF OUTING:** The Fall Golf Outing is planned for Thursday, September 7, 2017, at Palmer Hills Golf Course in Bettendorf. More information will be provided in the near future.

**NOTICE:** Vincent J. Motto is retiring from the practice of law after 45 years. All of his files, Wills and Abstracts have been entrusted to Vollertsen, Britt and Gorsline for safekeeping.

**CHANGES:** Everyone should provide any changes in your address, telephone, e-mail or other information to Wing at [spwing@iabar.org](mailto:spwing@iabar.org) so current information can be used on the website. One must also notify Brian McKenrick at 328-4145.

**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

June 29, 2017

FRONT STREET BREWERY, DAVENPORT, IOWA

The executive meeting of the Scott County Bar Association was called to order on June 27, 2017 by President, Jennifer Olsen, at approximately 12.10pm, informally, at the Front Street Brewery, Davenport, Iowa. The meeting was called to order informally as there were insufficient members present to form a quorum.

Guest: Honorable Mark Cleve. Standing in place of the Chief Judge, Marleta Greve, who is the assignment Judge for the 7th Judicial District for the month of July, 2017

Treasurer's Report: There was no report from the Treasurer.

There was not a quorum to take any formal action, but there were extensive conversations.

As historically the Scott County Bar has funded the portraits of all the sitting Judges in the 7th Judicial District. There was some discussion about where Judges were domiciled and it was confirmed that all Judges have a domicile in Scott County. The general consensus of the members in attendance was that the Scott County Bar Association should pay for Judge Lawson's portrait. The issue was that there was an impression that he was a Jackson County Judge and the question posed was whether the Jackson County Bar Association fund his portrait. The issue must be tabled to the next Executive Council meeting during the lack of quorum.

Steve Burger presented information on the annual golf outing sponsored by the Scott County Bar Association. He advised that the outing is scheduled for September 7, 2017 at Palmer Hills Golf Club. He advised that last year the first 100 bar members to sign-up received a free dinner and he reminded us that this was a charity event for HELP-Legal Aid and last year the event raised \$875.00 to assist HELP-Legal Aid. He advised that 31 people attended the golf outing last year and advised that it was a nice event. Steve Burger requested that the SCBA pay for the cost of dinner and drinks for its members, but that the Golf Outing itself was self-supporting with members attending paying a fee to golf. Steve Burger's request for funds to cover the golf outings dinner and drinks was tabled and will be added to the next meeting's agenda for lack of a quorum.

The Young Lawyer's Division, through Andrea Mason, requested \$500.00 from the SCBA to fund its Young Lawyer's Division event coming up in July. This event is in tandem with the Illinois Rock Island County Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division. President Olsen advised the group that an e-mail was sent out soliciting a vote and that only six (6) members replied to the vote, not enough for a quorum. President Olsen advised that another e-mail would be sent

out immediately soliciting a response and hopefully an approval of the funds. Once this e-mail generates enough support for the request, which is generally which is what we are seeing, President Olsen will contact our Treasurer to provide the funds to Andrea Mason for the event.

The e-mail policy for the SCBA was discussed amongst this group, informally. President Olsen expressed some concerns about an e-mail she sent out at the request of another council member, providing information to the Bar about Judge Masek's new job and how another member of the counsel contact President Olsen criticizing her disseminating this e-mail advising that it was not allowed and that it was advertisement. The general consensus of this group was that President Olsen did nothing wrong and that there is no e-mail policy and that it is not inappropriate to send out the e-mail as was done.

There was a discussion about mandatory mediation in the 7th Judicial District and the issue of mediation coordinator. The group informally discussed mediation in general and discussed some ideas for the mediation coordinator.

There was some discussion about committee opportunities and notifications. As President Olsen received a request from a bar member for more information or how to find out the information on signing up for a committee. President Olsen advised the group, informally, that she would look into committee opportunities and notify this bar member of the options available. It was reiterated that the two (2) committees that John Molyneaux resigned from had been filled with replacement members to run the committees. That being the bereavement committee and the membership committee.

There was some discussion on eighty (80) minute temporary custody evidentiary hearings as it pertains to the issue of interpreters. The group informally discussed that that would be a matter to be taken up with Court Administration and our Chief Judge Greve.

Items tabled for a vote until the next meeting

1. Golf outing funds
2. Issue of funding Judge Lawson's portrait

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting is at July 25, 2017 at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Olsen

President  
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