

PACO INTERIM NEWS FLASH FOR FEBRUARY 2004

PACO 1/21/04 BOARD MEETING REPORT - By Barry R. Kiser, Board Secretary

Below are some highlights from the January 12, 2004 Executive Board meeting, in addition to routine business discussed.

- Nell Chambers is assembling a salary survey for paralegals in the Central Ohio area.
- Bridgett Klingbeil has resigned as Second Vice President – Membership effective immediately. She will continue working on membership issues as part of the Membership Committee.
- Eugenia Maish will be attending the OSBA Paralegal/Legal Assistant Committee meeting on Saturday January 31.
- There was further discussion about the potential affiliation with the Columbus Bar Association, including ideas regarding the timing of the discussion and membership vote and also the need to change PACO's fiscal year, should the affiliation be approved. Details of the structure of the January General Membership meeting with CBA representatives were discussed.
- Catherine Hawes discussed the US Department of Labor plan regarding overtime pay and NFPA's concerns of the impact on paralegals.
- PACO is in need of a chair for the Elections Committee as Rich Danec will not be able to do it this year. Please see any Board member if you are interested.

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Columbus Bar Association made a presentation on a possible partnership of PACO and the Columbus Bar Association (CBA). (See September and December publications for more information or contact the editor at editor@pacoparalegals.org) Members in attendance (and those not in attendance) commented and discussed many varied viewpoints on this topic. At the close of this meeting, it was announced that a meeting room at the CBA (see address below) has been reserved for WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th FROM 5-7 FOR ANOTHER MEETING ON THIS TOPIC FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. This meeting is open to everyone and reservations are not needed. Also at the end of the January meeting, several members committed to join and serve on the ad hoc committee formed to look at this topic earlier this year but that was in need of more members and help in light of the discussions and work ahead. The Ad Hoc committee will report committee progress at the February meetings.

PACO would like to welcome the following NEW MEMBERS!

Cheryl MacDonald joins us as a new active member. She works in asbestos litigation at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

Audra Blackburn is a new active member this month. She works for Shawn R. Dominy in Worthington and works in the area of personal injury and criminal law.

Debbie Luchtenberg (formerly Debbie Durant) rejoins PACO after a short hiatus. She is working at Daggar, Johnston, Miller, Ogilvie & Hampson in Lancaster, Ohio.

NOTE: The 2004 membership drive is currently on hold. Please watch for announcements on this subject.

The Paralegal Reporter Seeks Submissions

The Paralegal Reporter is seeking submissions for the following issues:

June/July – Paralegals in Government

August/September – Paralegals in Bankruptcy

October/November – Private Investigation and Discovery

December/January – Paralegal Profession

Please consider submitting! Contact our NFPA representative, Eugenia Maish, for more information.

The Ohio State Bar Association is looking for submissions for the Spring 2004 edition of the OSBA Paralegal Legal Assistant News. This issue focus is workers compensation and the related pro bono, court rules, or work related predicaments in this area of law. We are also looking for paralegal news around Ohio. If you are interested in more information about the Spring 2004 issue or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact, me or your local statewide representative, Eugenia Maish at statewide@pacoparalegals.org.

Please submit articles or information by February 18, directly to Beth Kuypers, (614) 487-4415, bkuypers@ohioabar.org, or to Kathy McGranahan, at kmcgrana@ofbf.org (614) 246-8258.
