

PACO NEWS FLASH FOR JULY 2004

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Happy July to you all!

I'm the new editor and this is my first News Flash issue. While I'm looking forward to keeping the membership abreast of paralegal news, changes to the profession, and getting to know you all individually, I'm also soliciting articles to be written for my first "biggie" this fall.

Please send items to me at: [ascochran@jonesday.com](mailto:ascochran@jonesday.com). Phone 614-887-5116.

Many thanks.

Amanda Cochran, Editor

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PACO Board Meeting Report

By: Christine Hardin

Below are some highlights from the June 21, 2004 General Membership Meeting.

1. "Voting results on the Amended Code of Regulations"

At our June 21 General Meeting, a vote was taken on amending PACO's Code of Regulations. First, a motion was made to adopt the proposed changes as submitted en masse, versus an individual review and separate motion to accept each proposed change. The vote taken reflected the desire to adopt the proposed changes en masse. This was followed by discussion of any changes from the floor.

The proposed change of Section 2.04. Active Membership was widely discussed. At issue was the new language stating: "New Active membership applicants shall obtain an attorney sponsor." Some of the concerns expressed included: whether or not an applicant needs attorney sponsorship; whether the language the attorney must be a CBA member; whether the prospective Active member application should PACO have first review; and, whether the current version of the Columbus Bar and PACO Joint Membership Application posted on CBA's website was premature wherein it included the need for attorney sponsorship prior to a vote

regarding the same.

On a parallel topic, the role of absentee ballots in a vote was addressed.

As Parliamentarian, information was conveyed that one inherent drawback of absentee ballots is the lack of opportunity to be present when discussions occur during the meeting that may affect a voter's decision.

A motion and vote was taken to accept the change of language as proposed of Section 2.04. It was noted, that if the vote defeated the language, there would be opportunity to propose alternate language with a new motion. The result of the vote was to keep the language as proposed.

For the record, upon review of the CBA/PACO Joint Membership Application, the language regarding a sponsoring attorney does include that the attorney is a member of the CBA.

Christine Hardin, Parliamentarian

2. Treasurer's Report: Account Balances Huntington Checking: \$4319.46  
PaineWebber: \$17,015.50

Effective 7/1/04, the Board approved moving PACO's checking account to National City Bank. National City offers small businesses free checking, a savings of over \$16.00/month for PACO.

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#### Announcements

July General Membership Meeting will be the Installation of PACO's New Officers and will be held at The Westin Great Southern Hotel, 310 South High Street, Columbus (corner of High and Main Streets) on July 19th at Noon. The price for this meeting is \$15.00 and includes a luncheon buffet.

Valet parking is available at the hotel for \$4.00 or at the City Center Garage between Rich and Main for \$1.00.

Please forward registration to Cheryl MacDonald at [camacdonald@vssp.com](mailto:camacdonald@vssp.com)  
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#### Committee Update

All committees are seeking members, old and new. Committees are as follows: Advisory, CLE, Job Bank, Membership, Publications/Newsletter, Pro Bono, Professional Development, Program, Public Relations and Website. We especially need chairs for Job Bank, CLE, Publications and Website. Please consider signing up to be a member or chair of these committees.

The Advisory committee has plans to be more active this year with respect to the PACO/CBA agreement. If you have an interest in assisting with the many issues involving the agreement or other aspects of PACO, please consider signing up for that committee as well. Contact Nell Chambers at [nchambers@bdblaw.com](mailto:nchambers@bdblaw.com). Thank you.

Nell Chambers, Paralegal