



PACO NEWSFLASH

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April 2005

SECRETARY'S REPORT

March Board meeting:

A working Retreat was conducted by the Board in lieu of its normally-scheduled 2nd Monday of the month. It was held at the home of Cheryl MacDonald, Public Relations chair on Saturday, March 5. It began at 10 a.m. and adjourned approximately 5 p.m.

In attendance were: Nell Chambers, Katie Essex, Catherine Hawes, Mary Barnett, Rick Reynolds, Amanda Cochran, Christine Hardin, Cheryl MacDonald. Absent: Lisa Dinger and Pam Geiser. Attending as a guest was Becky Cain.

The agenda was distributed to the general membership prior to the Retreat. Much time was devoted to the "New Business" portion of the Agenda. Board members were able to discuss in more length topics addressing the growth of PACO, its direction for the coming year, and a "year in review." Much of what was discussed is captured in "The State of PACO" which was made available for review and comment at the March general membership meeting.

Noteworthy highlights include:

Rick Reynolds', Parliamentarian, suggestion to develop a new version of the Code of Regulations. The intent is to expand sections of the Code to encompass more fully-explained duties of the Board, and to clarify some sections that are lacking in specific information e.g. PACO's agreement with CBA.

Mary Barnett, Treasurer, spoke about options for PACO's the funds currently in a Paine Weber money market account, the history of the funds in the account, and potential for use in higher income-yielding investments.

March General Membership Meeting:

Our monthly meeting was held at the CBA offices on Monday, March 21st. During the meeting a vote was conducted to add a new Committee to the Board: Student Liaison. We had quorum and 57 votes were cast: all in favor; no oppositions. A related vote was taken to create a new Board position: Student Liaison Coordinator. Again, 57 votes were cast: all in favor; no oppositions. In each instance 33 votes were cast by those in attendance and 24 absentee ballots were received by the posted deadline.

Board members were on hand to discuss "The State of PACO."

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances:

National City: \$8,863.08

PaineWebber: \$17,073.72

Total Assets: \$25,936.80

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7: Common Pleas Court "Lunchinar" with Judge Crawford

April 11: PACO Board Meeting at Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs

April 18: General Membership Meeting at CBA Offices, Noon-1 Topic: NFPA Update by PACO NFPA Primary Representative Catherine Hawes; Renewal of Agreement for Joint Membership for Members of The Paralegal Association of Central Ohio and the Paralegal Associate Members of the Columbus Bar Association. RSVP: if you want to reserve lunch: Elinville@ssd.com

April 20: Brown Bag: Overview of UCCs with Lorena Caito and Melissa Jefferson of CT. CBA Offices at noon.

April 28: Happy Hour at Gallo's Tap Room at 5:30 p.m.

April 28-May 1: NFPA Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

Please be prepared to vote at the April 18th General Membership meeting on the renewal of the PACO/Columbus Bar Association Agreement which currently expires on June 30, 2005. This vote is to extend the current agreement between the CBA and PACO through June 30, 2006. As you may recall, the first year was a trial period and it is now time to decide whether we will renew that agreement. We will be sending out absentee ballots in the early April timeframe for those who can not attend the April 18th membership meeting. PACO belongs to its members, so your vote does matter. Please make every effort to ensure that your voice is heard on this important matter.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

Probate Lunchinar, April 5, 12:00 -- Magistrate Mike Miller of the Franklin County Probate Court and Frank Duffy of CBS will make a presentation on probate issues. If you wish to attend the meeting and enjoy lunch provided courtesy of CBS, you must call Emily at 340-2060 at the Bar to RSVP.

Franklin County Common Pleas Court “Lunchinar #1”, April 7; 12:00 - 1:30; hosted by Judge Crawford. These special sessions are designed to answer questions professionals frequently have when dealing with the Common Pleas Courts. Be sure to bring your questions. Everyone is welcome.

April Brown Bag, April 20, 12:00 -- UCC filings and searches. Lorena Caito and Melissa Jefferson of CT will provide 45 minutes of value packed information regarding the UCC that you will be able to use immediately.

Learn about:

- Old UCC Article 9
- Revised Article 9
- The difference between real and personal property filings and why the distinction is so important.

Upon completing the seminar, you will have the knowledge and tools that will enable you to file and search the UCC more confidently.

Summation Training Reminder: if you are interested in taking Summation training, Capital University Law School Paralegal Program is offering Saturday training on April 23 and May 21. CLE credit is being requested for these training sessions.

April’s “Featured Vendor” at the monthly meeting: Corporate Creations, Jim Cole

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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

A “Law Day” planning committee has been formed and at our March 9th meeting decided that we would take a different approach to “Law Day” this year. Traditionally, the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio (PACO) has held an event in May in accordance with the American Bar Association’s designated LAW DAY theme. An important element of this yearly celebration has been the designation of the day as “Paralegal Day” with the signing of proclamations by both the Governor of Ohio and the Mayor of Columbus. In the spirit of these declarations, PACO would like to spotlight the contributions of Paralegals to the legal process and for their service to the Columbus community. Paralegals after all, do not practice law. We do, however contribute importantly to the process. PACO’s 1st Annual Paralegal Day celebration will highlight the evolution of Paralegals; how the profession started, where we are today, and what the future holds. Mark your calendars for the night of May 16th and watch for details.

STATEWIDE REPORT

On Saturday, April 23rd, the five paralegal associations of Ohio, Statewide Alliance, will be meeting in Toledo for the bi-annual meeting. This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard and if you have any issues that you would like addressed, please contact me at the email address below by April 15th. As a way of example, issues that have been discussed by the Statewide Alliance include the use of a paralegal’s name on firm letterhead, UPL matters, certification, regulation, fly-by-night paralegal education courses and any issues that are pertinent to the paralegal profession.

Another very important date to put on your calendar is the OSBA Annual Convention to be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The Paralegal/Legal Assistants Committee will be meeting on Friday, May 13th at Noon. Please plan on attending even if you are not an OSBA Associate Member.

The meeting will be followed by a 3.0 General CLE seminar: *Bells and Whistles: What’s New in the Electronic World – Tools for the Lawyer and Paralegal*. The seminar runs from 2:00 PM to 5:15 PM. The first segment is “What’s New in Electronic Gadgets and Software to Make Your Law Practice Easier and More Efficient” and the speaker is Barron K. Henley, Esq., Henley March & Unger Consulting, Inc. The second segment will be “The Hot Internet: Helpful Sites for Use in your Law Practice” by Pat Christian, Librarian at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP. The final segment is “E-Discovery: Attorney/client issues, Advising Corp Clients on Electronic Use and What Happens When You Have to Produce.” The speaker is Major J. Baisen, IDSC Director, Xact. You must register for the seminar through the OSBA.

Contact Katie Essex, Statewide Rep, 233-5124 or kessex@hahnlaw.com if you have any questions.

STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

With the passing of the new committee at last month’s meeting, I’m pleased to announce that a Student Outreach Committee is forming and we’ve set our first meeting for Tuesday, April 26th at 6 p.m. at Metro on S. High St. To join the committee and RSVP to the meeting, please contact Rebecca Cain at: Cainr@Nationwide.com.

EDITOR’S REPORT

At the March 22nd meeting of the Newsletter/Publications committee, the committee members chose the theme of Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) for the June publication of The Citator. If you would like to submit an article on this theme, please send it to Amanda Cochran by May 15th at ascochran@jonesday.com.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

It is not too late to throw your hat in the ring and run for a PACO Executive Board position. Although the Committee has received consent forms for some positions, there are still Board positions that will be vacated by Board members not seeking re-election. Also, even if another PACO member has volunteered to run for a position, it does not mean that you cannot consider running a contested election!

At PACO's April 18th General Membership meeting there will be a Candidate's Forum and June will be the Annual Meeting and election.

If you are at all interested please contact any of the following members of the Committee:

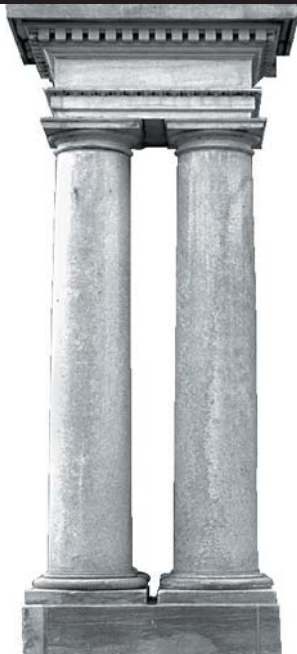
- Katie Essex, Chair, 233-5124; kessex@hahnlaw.com
- Jodi Orahood, 740-362-4772; jorahood@saiaandpiatt.com
- Leslie Tackett, 424-6587, tackettl@batelle.org
- Natalie Walden, 249-9337, waldenn@nationwide.com

LAW DAY FESTIVITIES

Monday, May 2nd beginning at 9 a.m. the Columbus State Paralegal students will conduct a Mock Trial on People v. Price which is a case about eco-terrorism and arson. Judge Jan Michael Long, from Pickaway County, will preside over the trial. At noon, Judge Harland Hale, Environmental Judge, will speak to the onlookers sending a message about the environment, getting involved in the community, and the importance of law in our everyday lives.

Festivities will conclude at 12:30 for the day. Please feel free to join us in the Nestor Hall Auditorium beginning at 9. Please contact Amanda Cochran at ascochran@jonesday.com or 614-281-3668 if you need directions or details.

COLUMBUS BAR PLACEMENT SERVICES



COLUMBUS BAR PLACEMENT SERVICES, a division of the Columbus Bar Association, is working with PACO to help place paralegals in permanent legal positions.

Most require a certificate from an ABA approved program and some require a 4-year degree.

Please contact Shirley Coressel at 614/340.2029 to discuss available job opportunities or email your resume to shirley@cbalaw.org.

