



PACO NEWSFLASH

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January 2005

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Below are some highlights from the December 13, 2004 Executive Board meeting. There are no December General Membership meeting notes since a meeting was not held. The Association did, however, hold a Winter Socializer on December 8 at the offices of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs.

- Richard "Rick" Reynolds has been appointed Parliamentarian, replacing Kathryn Neff who resigned based on other commitments. There was discussion regarding a formal vote in January to amend the Code of Regulations to include a newly-created Student Liaison committee. Rebecca Cain was nominated as the chairperson, and a motion was passed to present her nomination as part of the vote to the general membership.
- Catherine Hawes has indicated that sweatshirts are still available for sale featuring the PACO logo. NFPA is querying the representatives whether to extend the spring convention in Las Vegas for an additional day. It was suggested that NFPA attempt to renegotiate the convention fees with the host facility for the additional day. On another NFPA-convention topic, a discussion was held regarding whether NFPA's by-laws prohibit a non-voting member from attending the meeting. At issue is an individual NFPA Member where NFPA is hesitating to allow his attendance. The position of PACO's Board is that based on NFPA's current by-laws, the individual should be allowed to attend. Catherine also shared the current activities in the State of Wisconsin for the license and regulation of paralegals. A hearing was conducted on October 27, 2004. In a follow-up email she indicated that the Supreme Court of Wisconsin met in an open administrative conference on December 16, 2004. No additional information is available at this time.
- Cheryl MacDonald has received the PACO "padfolios" and will be offering them for sale. Likewise, Special Counsel has donated Post-It's with the PACO logo and are available for the membership. The topic for January's General Membership meeting will feature a forum for several Sustaining members to present a short presentation of themselves. Cheryl will compile brochures of each Sustainer into a comprehensive folder for distribution.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24: General Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon, Columbus Bar Offices (Note date change due to MLK Day). Agenda: Membership vote regarding additional Board position of Student Liaison Coordinator followed by presentations by PACO's Sustaining Members.

February: 22: PACO Happy Hour at Gallo's Tap Room, 5:30 p.m. - ??

February 26: "Rock N Bowl" to benefit Children's Hospital, Noon - 2:00 p.m. at Sawmill Lanes

February 28: General Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon, Columbus Bar Offices (Note date change due to President's Day). Agenda: To Be Announced

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances:

National City Checking: \$11,850.18

PaineWebber: \$17,073.72

SECRETARY'S REPORT (continued)

- As the chair of the newsletter committee, Amanda Cochran continues to streamline the production of THE CITATOR with Columbus Bar. The December issue was the largest to-date and she thanks everyone for their contributions and support.
- In preparation for the Motion to consider the development of the Student Liaison committee both Rick Reynolds and Chris Hardin will work with the Columbus Bar to distribute the Notice, Absentee Ballot, and Motion. In Secretary-related issues, Chris will be saving pertinent email communications regarding PACO business on each month to a diskette for the purpose of archiving important communications.
- Katie Essex will continue to report on Paralegal SuperConference® activities and distribute notices as they become available.
- Membership of the Association continues to grow: 350+ members!
- January's General Membership meeting will be postponed 1 week to January 24, 2005 to honor the Martin Luther King holiday.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- "Rock N Bowl '05," benefiting Children's Hospital, is scheduled for February 26th at Sawmill Lanes. Teams of five compete to raise the most money for Children's Hospital and celebrate their efforts during a two-hour bowling session. One team of PACO members is already entered in the competition and we sure could use the membership's support. Reserve your team of five a spot now by contacting Jennifer Otchy at the Columbus Bar at jennifer@cbalaw.org or 614/340.2031. You can also visit www.columbuschildrens.com/giving for more information. Not a bowler??? You can still show your support by sponsoring our PACO team. Contact Cheryl MacDonald at camacdonald@vssp.com or 614/464.6421 to pledge a donation then come out on Feb. 26th to cheer PACO on!!
- Congratulations to Rebecca Kemper who has just started her own Freelance Paralegal business called Probate Paralegal Services. Please send your congratulations to her at ProbateParalegal@columbus.rr.com.
- Please be watching your email closely for the motion being presented at the January 24th PACO meeting. This will be coming via email to most, and by U.S. mail to others, to include an Absentee Ballot along with the Motion as well. Please be sure to attend the meeting to vote and/or send your Absentee Ballot in by the deadline mentioned. Please RSVP to attend the meeting, and if you want lunch, to Cheryl MacDonald at camacdonald@vssp.com or 614/464.6421.
- Thanks to all of you who came out to our PACO Winter Socializer held at Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs. The turn-out was in record number and included several Municipal and Common Pleas Court Judges. PACO is definitely on the map now with the local bench!
- If you are currently on a committee and have not been contacted by a committee chair to contribute your time and ideas to PACO, please contact Lisa Dinger so she can put you in touch with your committee chair. Many of our committees are holding regular meetings and making plans for 2005. We can always use your help. Lisa can be reached at: ldinger@newalbanycompany.com.