



PACO NEWSFLASH

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May 2005

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Notes of the April Board meeting have been extracted from the minutes recorded by Nell Chambers on behalf of Christine Hardin who was unable to attend the meeting.

April Board meeting:

The April Board meeting began at 5:50 p.m. at the law office of Buckingham, Doolittle, and Burroughs and adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

In attendance were: Nell Chambers, Katie Essex, Amanda Cochran, Catherine Hawes, Lisa Dinger, Rick Reynolds, Pam Geiser, and Becky Cain. Board members unable to attend were Christine Hardin, Mary Barnett, and Cheryl MacDonald. Present as guests were Kathy McGranahan to report on the status of PACO's website, and Leslie Craig, Capital University student and guest of Becky Cain.

Noteworthy highlights include:

Kathy McGranahan provided a report of PACO's website, noting that PACO needs to appoint a webmaster. The CBA can only take changes from the webmaster in order to control authorized edits. She presented a new contract with IDDG, and Catherine Hawes will look into using NFPA's website disclaimer as a model. Secure areas of the website will be accessible through the use of a member's CBA identification number. There was discussion about having a counter of activity on the website. IDDG will archive "hits" each year. There is interest in developing a website for a Speaker's Bureau.

Katie Essex said there is to be an OSBA statewide meeting on 5/13 at noon at the Hyatt at the convention center with a seminar to follow. She participated in Capital University's recent Law Career Trend panel.

Amanda Cochran said the next Citator will focus on Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL). She still needs UPL articles. She plans to use situations and how they were resolved for an article Jodi Orahood is working on. Jodi will put in some type of notary article each month, like a Notary Corner. Advertising will be turned over to CBA per our agreement after the next Citator. The CBA will continue to give our sustaining members discounts for advertising. We are going to ask CBA to maintain our sustaining member list so that they are current. It was suggested that a letter be produced to Sustaining Members advising them that CBA will take over advertising with September Citator, and for them to contact any board member with questions and concerns.

Catherine Hawes handed out NFPA agenda topics and marked some hot topics including outsourcing.

Katie Essex gave her Elections report at meeting. The Pro Bono committee reports that there was a meeting on 3/10 regarding will project. They have an attorney from Madison Christian Church and the first clinic will be 7/9 at the same church. The next meeting is 4/27. There is a need to get nurse paralegals involved to help with health care powers of attorney and Katie pointed out that Capital has a nurse paralegal and life planner class. Will not be doing trusts or complicated matters, only simple trusts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account Balances:

National City: \$7797.32

PaineWebber: \$17,059.02

Rick Reynolds has prepared an officer slate, ballots, etc.

Becky Cain reported lots of activity with the Student Liason committee, currently 9 members. Next meeting is 4/26 at Metro. She is looking into mentoring and scholarships, and compare with other organizations.

Nell Chambers reported on membership but will hand back over to Pam. Sustaining member prices were discussed. Rate to

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be changed from \$125 to \$150. Voted on and approved.

Secretary's report was approved pending inclusion of Katie, Rick and Amanda's edits to be given to Chris.

There was a discussion regarding the Job Bank and whether we should disband the committee. Additional discussion is planned for future Board meetings.

Catherine Hawes will do a survey on what members want in regard to sweatshirts, t-shirts and the like. It was voted and approved to reduce sweatshirt price to \$15.

April General Membership Meeting:

A candidate's forum was conducted of the Board slate for PACO's 2005-2006 year. There is a full slate. Catherine Hawes reviewed topics to be discussed at the NFPA convention next month, and the membership commented on and voted on PACO's position on various issues for her to present on our behalf. A vote was taken to renew the PACO and CBA joint membership for 2005-2006 that passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Paralegal Day Celebration

May 16, 2005

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 event 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. The theme of the event is "Where we began. Where we are. Where we are going". State Representative James Hughes will dedicate the proclamations of "Paralegal Day" to open the program with speakers Kim Shumate, President, Columbus Bar Association, Judge Mike Close and Betty Montgomery, Auditor of State.

General information:

Valet parking, free of charge, is available at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Café. The event will be in the Scarlet Ballroom, with a social hour (cash bar) and silent auction from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program shortly thereafter. All proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (see www.ohiolegalservices.org/ for more information).

PACO encourages you to invite your friends (paralegals and not), your co-workers, attorneys, and spouses.

Cost to attend is \$25 per person. Please note that RSVP's and payment must be received no later than May 9th. If you RSVP via e-mail, you will receive a confirmation reply, however, payment must still be received by the May 9th deadline in order to be registered. Payment will not be taken at the door and cancellations after May 9th will not be refunded.

For additional information about this event or to register to attend, please contact Cheryl MacDonald at camacdonald@vssp.com or 614-464-6421.

STUDENT LIASON COMMITTEE REPORT

The Student Liaison Committee had their first committee meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. The committee is working on creating and developing many new exciting opportunities for students through PACO. If you would still like to join the committee and be a part of these exciting developments in outreaching to students, please contact Becky Cain at Cainr@nationwide.com

Columbus State's Student Paralegal Association (SPA) is hosting their quarterly networking/social night on Thursday May 19th at Metro on S. High St. from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. This event is open to their students, alumni, instructors, and all local attorneys. Please join us for a night of food, fun, and catching up with each other! Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided as well as a cash bar. For more information, contact Amanda Cochran at: editor@pacoparalegals.org.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Just a quick reminder to everyone that we're still accepting your articles for our upcoming publication on June 1st. The deadline for copy items, for the summer Citator, are due to me no later than May 15th and our theme is Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) The newsletter committee encourages you to share your experiences with us! Please contact me to let me know if I can expect something from you. You can contact me at: editor@pacoparalegals.org

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
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