

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING: Attached are the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Executive Council for the month of May 2009 and the Annual Minutes of the Annual Meeting in May. These Minutes have yet to be approved by the Executive Council and will be submitted to the Executive Council at its next meeting.

ANNUAL PICNIC: The Tenth Annual Picnic of the Scott County Bar Association will be held on August 1, 2009, at Windsor Crest Club in Davenport from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event is open **ONLY** to the members of the Scott County Bar Association; their families; significant others; staff; and court personnel. More information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, contact Janet at 332-8181 or jljg@netins.net

ANNUAL DUES: It's that time again. Attached is the 2009 Dues Statement. Complete the form and return to Steven H. Jacobs, 600 Union Arcade Building, Davenport, Iowa 52801. We would like to distribute new Rosters every year on or about September 1. Therefore, if dues are not paid by that date, you will either not be included in the Roster or it may contain inaccurate information

BASEBALL NIGHT: Again the Scott County Bar Association is sponsoring Baseball Night at Modern Woodman Park on June 11, 2009. All are invited to attend as early as 5:30 p.m. for a buffet dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers and sides with water and pop being provided. The normal cost per person is \$22, however, your Association is paying for \$14 of the ticket and your cost is only \$8 per ticket, which includes your ticket for the game. Because there are reservation requirements, please make sure if you sign up to attend that you do so because we will be charged whether you are there or not. Everyone is welcome to attend and should do so. Come watch the River Bandits at Modern Woodman Park. Anyone interest should contact M. Leddin at 441-1616.

BARRISTER BALL: The event was very successful again this year. There were 125 people in attendance with a net of over \$16,000 to be donated to HELP for their ongoing expenses. Everyone is thanked for supporting this event and hopefully everyone will attend next year.

SEPTIC TANKS: The sale of any property with a septic tank must now have a "certified" inspection. Everyone should take note and be aware of the new requirements concerning septic tanks. If you have any additional inquiries contact Engelmann at 326-6400.

RECORDINGS: The new recording requirements are as follows:

Effective July 1, 2009, Iowa increases recording fees as follows:

Recording fees will increase by \$2. The fee for the first page of all documents, EXCEPT for plats of survey, will be \$9 each. Each additional page will be \$5. The fee for a plat of survey (Corner Certificates are not included) will remain at \$7 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page. An additional \$1 per document page to fund the preservation and maintenance of public records.

In addition, new document format standards go into effect on July 1, 2009. Documents that do not meet these standards will not be accepted for recording.:

Document shall be of sufficient legibility to reproduce clear reproduction.

All signatures shall be in black or dark blue ink, with names typed. printed or stamped beneath original signature, and

Document of conveyance must have name of the taxpayer and a complete mailing address.

If you have any additional inquiries, contact Shawver at 324-4182

WEBSITE: All individuals should contact S. Wing at 323-3000 with any new association, address, telephone number, email, fax number or any other such information for purposes of placement on the roster and website.

NEED HELP?: Problems with alcohol, drugs, stress or depression? Call Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program at 1-800-243-1533. All calls are confidential.

Any member having any comments may contact the President or an Executive Council member for comments on any matters. Further, any member may request a reservation at the monthly meeting for a presentation to the Executive Council by contacting the President.

SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

May 26, 2009

Present: Davidson, Jacobs, Jones, Gieck, Larson, Gross, DeVine, DeLange, Dusthimer, Leddin, Syverud, Thill, Berger, Jasper

The meeting of the Executive Council was held at the Front Street Brewery and was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President Davidson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Council of April 28, 2009, were unanimously approved without amendment.

Jacobs reported we actually have a loss for this year to date, but the dues will be collected soon. This is normal for this time of year.

There was a member possibly requesting a recount of the votes for the past election at the Annual Meeting. That individual and others recounted the votes and the voting was confirmed. No further action is to be taken.

Again everyone was reminded that any new information concerning your location, telephone number, email address, etc. should be reported to Wing to be placed on the website. Davidson has already received a voice mail concerning email and it is being referred to Wing and Driscoll.

Leddin reminded everyone on June 11, 2009, is the River Bandits night. This should be placed in the Newsletter.

Davidson welcomed Amy DeVine, Melissa Gross and Matt Leddin as new members of the Executive Council.

Gieck volunteered to review the current number of committees in the By-Laws and make a recommendation concerning the elimination of certain committees that are no longer needed. She will review the By-Laws and make a recommendation to the Executive Council. According to the By-Laws any change would require a majority vote at a meeting of the bar association.

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Windsor Crest Club has been selected as the location for the 10th Annual Picnic. It has a pool, pavilion, tennis courts and green space. There is a lease agreement for \$100 for 61 or more guests and \$10 an hour for a lifeguard. It was suggested the picnic be held on Saturday August 1, 2009, or Saturday August 8, 2009, depending upon other events. Jasper is to organize same. It was suggested we possibly hire a clown, games or jumping tents.

Berger announced the Golf Outing is planned to be on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at Palmer Hills. Tee times are at noon and dinner is to follow. Everyone last year enjoyed the steak dinner and everyone had a great time. More information will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

DDJ/jg

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2009 DUES STATEMENT

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Amount Due: _____

Home _____

Address: _____

Spouse: _____

Please compute the amount of dues according to the following schedule and return your remittance along with a copy of this statement to the address above.

1.	Member for one year, a Judge, or employed by HELP Legal Assistance	Free
2.	Member for 2, 3, or over 50 years	\$37.50
3.	All other members	\$75.00
4.	Voluntary contribution to HELP Legal Assistance (suggested \$50.00 or more)	\$ _____
5.	Total remitted	\$ _____

Your dues go toward the support of the Scott County Bar website, Continuing Legal Education, Lawyer Referral Service, video recorder and monitor, composite photographs, and various special events.

PLEASE REMIT DUES BEFORE JULY 31, 2009

***MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SCOTT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MAY 21, 2009
SCOTT COUNTY COURTHOUSE***

The Annual Meeting of the Scott County Bar Association was called to order by President Harold J. DeLange, II, at 10:00 a.m. in the large East Courtroom of the Scott County Courthouse. There were approximately 61 members in attendance.

The election ballots were distributed to all members present. The candidates were as follows:

Vice President:	Alicia D. Gieck Peter J. Thill
Secretary:	Dennis D. Jasper
Treasurer:	Steven H. Jacobs
Executive Council:	Amy K. DeVine Cheryl Fullenkamp-Traum Melissa L. Gross Matthew A. Leddin

President DeLange received a motion, properly seconded and unanimously approved, to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2008 previously conducted on May 29, 2008.

Jacobs was not present, however, he presented a written report. At this time we have approximately \$12,000 as a balance in our checking account. Income was \$67,910 and expenses of \$55,738 through the last year. \$28,687 was donated to HELP through the efforts of our Association.

Swanberg then thanked the Association for all of its contributions and its participation in assisting at HELP. Again, there were accolades for the Patricia Rhodes Cepican CLE Series and its committee with chair, Jack Dane. She also thanked Troy Howell for the organization of the Barrister Ball and Pete Thill for the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament.

Judge McKenrick presented an award to Sy Raben for his exceptional volunteer work with HELP Legal Aid over the last ten years. A plaque was presented and read to the membership. Raben was present and received applause from the membership.

Ron Mueller was present on behalf of the Patricia Rhodes Cepican Continuing Legal Education Program. He reminded everyone that our Bar Association helped create HELP Legal Assistance and since May of 2003 we have resolved to contribute \$25,000 a year to HELP. We applauded the efforts of our membership for its continuing dedication to HELP. He also thanked Wells Fargo/Hap Volz for supplying the venue and refreshments at many of the events. Everyone was reminded the next event was June 5, 2009, followed by October 12, 2009; November 11, 2009; and January 18, 2010.

There was a Memorial for deceased members: John J. Carlin, Richard L. Stevens, Harold C. Lounsberry and Walter A. Newport, Jr. The Memorials were read by Gary G. Koos. Due to the close relationship between Judge Darbyshire and John J. Carlin, the Honorable J. Hobart Darbyshire signed the Order to be filed with the Clerk. The Honorable Gary D. McKenrick endorsed the remaining three Orders to have these memorials spread upon the pages of the District Court and a copy of the Memorials and respective Orders were to be mailed to the families by Secretary Jasper.

DeLange thanked the members of the Executive Council that have ended their terms: Kevin Halligan and Milissa K. Hofmann for their services on the Executive Council and Michael Parker as past president. He also thanked Jasper and Jacobs for their service over the years.

President DeLange stated he had received most of the reports and any chairperson having any additional comments should do so as each committee was mentioned as follows:

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – Slavens was not present, but submitted a written report.

Audit Committee – The records of our Association have been reviewed. All funds are accounted for and the financial records are accurate.

Barrister Ball Committee – Howell indicated the Barrister Ball was a great success. It was held at the Quad City Waterfront Convention Center on May 9, 2009. There were 125 people in attendance with over \$16,000 contributed to HELP. He thanked all those in attendance at the Barrister Ball, as well as his Committee.

Canvas Committee – L. Molyneaux reports the Committee is inactive due to email being utilized to perform the tasks previously provided by this committee.

Citizenship Committee – Driscoll reported the \$100 savings bonds were distributed to 21 different high school seniors in Scott County.

Continuing Legal Education – A written report was submitted. A Last Chance Seminar will again be held in December.

Fee Dispute Committee – Schnell reports there were two new and one pending cases. They all involved family law issues.

Grievance Committee – A written report was filed. There was one potential grievance that was informally resolved.

Interprofessional Relations Committee – No report was submitted.

Judicial Civil Committee – No report was submitted.

Judicial Criminal Committee – Treimer reports there was no meeting this year.

Law Day Committee – Law Day was held on May 1, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Davenport.

Lawyer Referral Committee – L. Molyneaux stated 33 attorneys participated with 268 referrals per month.

Membership Committee – J. Molyneaux reminded everyone to pay their dues and to provide any new address for our roster provided to the Association.

Mock Trial Committee – Russell reported they are looking for volunteers to chair this committee.

Public Relations Committee – Zamora reported the brass plaques were placed on each of the portraits of the Judges.

Real Estate and Abstract Committee – No report was submitted.

Website Committee – Wing has been monitoring the site and maintains same on a regular basis.

Social Committee – There was a great appreciation for the Judges' reception, baseball night and hockey night organized by this committee. The baseball night has a cost of \$8 per person and is scheduled for June 11, 2009.

Young Lawyers Committee – Hall reported the Young Lawyers Luncheon was a success. There is a spring cocktail hour scheduled for later this evening.

DeLange invited any new lawyers to introduce themselves. One individual introduced himself: George Kaplan.

At this time the results of the election were announced and those elected were congratulated as follows:

President: Cameron A. Davidson

Vice President: Alicia D. Gieck

Secretary: Dennis D. Jasper

Treasurer: Steven H. Jacobs

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Executive Council: Amy K. DeVine
 Matthew A. Leddin
 Melissa L. Gross

DeLange thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as President of our Association as he believed we have a great Association with events that benefit our community. He invited participation by everyone and if anyone has any improvements we can work together to implement same. He then introduced Cameron A. Davidson as the incoming president.

Davidson thanked DeLange and appreciated his concern for our Association. On behalf of our Association, Davidson presented a plaque to DeLange, as past president.

No further business was conducted.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis D. Jasper

Secretary

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