

SCWLA Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2016

I. Call to Order – 12:11 p.m.

II. Minutes

Secretary reports that January Meeting Minutes were lost. Meeting Agenda and Reports will be utilized as Meeting Minutes.

III. President's Report

President Jolley listed several goals of her presidency. The first goal is a 10% increase in membership. The current active membership list has 904 members. There are currently 763 non-active members. Non-active members are classified as those for which we have contact information but the individuals have not paid their dues. The second half of the year will focus on the non-active members. In addition, we have seen through programing that the amount of younger members has increased. Board Member Liz Zeck suggested that putting the list of names in Drop Box and allowing Board Members to contact people via telephone would be a good way to reach the inactive members.

President Jolley also noted that another goal was to revamp the Professional Development Committee.

President Jolley's third goal was revamping the By-Laws. President Jolley noted that the Red-Line edits to the By-Laws had been distributed to the members; and, following this meeting, documents noting what sections had been changed would be distributed to Board Members. President Jolley indicated that the Long-Range Planning Report would also be distributed for Board review in conjunction with the By-Laws changed. During the discussion, Laura Patton suggested that a deadline for commenting be determined so that discussions could be had before the next meeting. It was decided that July 22, 2016, would be the deadline for commenting.

President Jolley also noted that we should focus on the Regional Representatives as there has been a high turnover in those areas. A discussion was had regarding the turnover of Regional Reps.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer indicated the Balance Sheet has been the most helpful information as it relates to actual versus budget comparisons. The Treasurer reports that our finances are on track based on where we are income to date. We are currently under budget for expenses.

V. SCWLA Foundation

The Foundation Scholarship recipients have been chosen for this year. There were seven applicants in total. The SCWLA Foundation will also focus its future fundraising efforts into soliciting funds from individuals rather than fundraising events. The SCWLA Foundation will also have a call in the coming weeks to discuss Diccus nominations.

VI. Committee Reports

1. Supreme Court Trip: The Supreme Court trip is to take place on October 3, 2016. Board Member Amie Clifford stated that she was in the process of finalizing the lodging details with two different hotels in Washington, D.C. A discussion was had as to judicial member attendance during the Supreme Court trip and relevant deadlines.

2. The following Committee Reports were accepted as submitted:
 - The Long-Range Planning Committee;
 - The Leadership Committee; and
 - The Military Subcommittee.
3. With regard to the other Committees Reports:
 - The Fall Awards Reception: That event will take place on the evening of October 20, 2016, with the Professional Development activity happening on the same day.
 - The Fall 2017 Annual Conference Planning: That event is going to take place on September 29, 2017, in Greenville, SC. The reception will take place on September 28, 2017.
 - The Media/Communications Committee: No report.
 - The Professional Development Committee: Oral report with regard to the Emerging Leader Award.
 - The Toal Award Committee: Nominations have not been released. Decisions as to whether we were awarding the award this year should be made.
 - Tara Shurling asked the Board about getting the Toal Award cast and made as it is most cost effective if we order more than one. Tara Shurling volunteered to liaise with the artist if needed.
 - The Board notes that next year, for calendaring purposes, the Toal Award timeline should be similar to the Bissell Award.

VII. New Business

1. **Woman Lawyer Portrait at the Law School:** There has been a discussion of having a portrait at the law school. Eve Ross, a SCWLA member, noticed that there are no portraits of women in the Law Library and suggested that SCWLA raise money to have a portrait in the library at the new school. Immediate Past President Marguerite Willis suggested a picture of Gene Galloway Bissell. It was reported that the portrait could range in cost from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Discussion was had as to how the Board should work on creating the portrait if at all.
2. **Regional Representative Call:** There was a Regional Representative Call held on June 14, 2016. It was decided that the Regions would move to having quarterly calls so that they can discuss matters relevant to their positions.
3. **Pro Bono Project:** A suggestion was made by a SCWLA member to maintain a list of pro bono lawyers to be Victim Service attorneys with SCWLA members. It was decided that SCWLA would not serve as a sign-up hub, but would send information out to its membership.
4. **Reduced Dues for Retiring Members:** A discussion was had as to whether members who are retiring from the practice of law could have reduced dues. This matter was referred to the Membership Committee analysis.
5. **2017 Bar Convention:** Executive Director Mikki Lindler proposed whether we should have a booth or table at the South Carolina Bar Convention and what we think our return on investment is from past presence. A discussion was had as to whether we wanted to have a booth or table and as to what, if any, drawings or other matters we might have to draw people into the table.
6. **Member News:** There was no member news.
7. **Cuba Trip:** Spring 2017. Information will be forthcoming.

VIII. The Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Nexsen Pruet.

IX. Meeting Adjourned - 1:07 p.m.