

SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 14, 2014

The Board of Directors of the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association met at the McNair Law Firm in Columbia, South Carolina on Friday, November 14, 2014. Board members present at the meeting were: President, Tara Shurling; President-Elect Marguerite Willis; Secretary, Julie Moose; Immediate Past-President, Cynthia Hall Ouzts; Sheila Bias, Amie Clifford, Karen Huelson, Sarah Leverette, Mary Beth Pfister, and Liz Zeck.

Board Members participating by phone were: Treasurer, Kelly Jolley; Molly Cherry, Lisa Claxton, Ashley Cuttino, Meliah Jefferson, Lynsey Kmetz, Hannah Metcalfe, Ayesha Washington, and Amanda Williams.

Others participating: Mikki Lindler and Allyce Bailey.

I. President Shurling called the meeting to order. President Shurling confirmed that a quorum is present.

II. President's Report. President Shurling provided a report on the 2014 Convention. President-Elect Willis provided a report on 2014 Budget to Actual Expenditures to date excluding the Convention, 2014 QuickBooks Balance as of November 13, 2014, and 2014 Conference Income and Expenses. There are still a few conference revenues and expenses outstanding but we will most likely break even on the Conference.

III. Executive Session Matters.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion to move to Executive Session was approved unanimously. Following the Executive Session, the meeting continued.

IV. Minutes. The Minutes of the July 11, September 12, and October 2, 2014 meetings were discussed.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was approved to accept the Minutes as submitted.

V. Treasurer's Report. President Shurling reported on the Executive Committee's meeting on the Budget, the uncertainty regarding the impact of the dues increase on membership and revenue, and the presentation of the 2015 Budget will be at the January meeting.

VI. SCWLA Foundation. Liz Zeck updated the Board on the Foundation, including the presentation to Pam Robinson as the recipient of the Dicus Award, grant ideas, the changes to the procedure for the award of scholarships for 2015, the plan to increase the size of the Foundation Board, and contributions to the Foundation. Liz will provide a report at the January Board meeting on the mission and direction of the Foundation and how funds being contributed by SCWLA are being used. Liz will circulate some information about the Foundation that will be helpful to SCWLA members in suggesting potential members for the Foundation's Board who are not members of SCWLA. Ideas for the direction of the Foundation were discussed.

VII. Committees.

- a. **Awards/Nominations.** President Shurling reported that the artist preparing the bronze rendering needs more time, and we are waiting for a quote. Past President Ouzts reminded everyone of the November 8 deadline for petitions to serve on the SCWLA Board, and she solicited volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- b. **Community Outreach.** Amie Clifford confirmed that our silent auction raised \$10,281 for breast cancer research at MUSC.
- c. **Education:** Amie Clifford provided an update on the Supreme Court Admission trips planned for December 2014 and 2015.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was approved to increase the fee for the Supreme Court Admission trip from \$75 to \$100. A motion was approved to utilize the surplus revenue from the 2013 trip in 2014 if needed to cover trip expenses.

- d. **Membership.** Allyce Bailey made a presentation setting forth her recommendations for increasing membership and organizing SCWLA. No action was taken as we no longer had a quorum. Allyce will meet with the Membership Committee to seek their approval and submit a budget to the Executive Committee by December 15.

VIII. Old Business.

- a. **The Future of the Profession.** President Shurling reported on the South Carolina Bar's request for information from SCWLA and her plan to survey SCWLA's members to gather this information, the survey would be limited to 5 or 6 questions. President Shurling requested the Board's input on the questions to be included in the survey. Secretary Moose offered to confirm with the Bar the information needed and circulate the same to the Board.

IX. Next Board Meeting: Saturday, January 23 in Columbia. Sheila Bias offered to host the meeting in her offices.

X. Adjourn. A motion was approved by those present to adjourn the meeting.