

February 2018 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 6:00

Adjourned: 6:42

Attendance: 48

Motion to accept Minutes of our January 2018 without a reading. Approved.

MEMBER LIST

At the end of 2017 we had 496 Members. At the beginning of this meeting we have 391 dues paying members for 2018. If you have not yet renewed for 2018, you have already received individual reminder emails from Tim Clemens. If you are not receiving Tim's emails, see him after the meeting to correct/verify your information. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE USED FOR WEBPAGE CONTACTS. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT.

WEB PAGE UPDATE

The webpage is and has been up and running. Not everyone has registered his or her information on the page. Please do so.

To register/update your webpage information you need to:

- 1) Go to westshorebarassociation.org**
- 2) Click on "Current Membership"**
- 3) Click on "Attorney Website Information Form" (fill in PDF and submit)**
- 4) Complete all fields (by tabbing), including "Areas of Practice"**
- 5) Once completed, click on "Submit by Email" in the upper right corner of the form or save the form to your computer and then send it as an attachment to an email to wsbarassociation@aol.com**

LISTSERV

LISTSERV is now up and running. You should have received several communications via LISTSERV. If you are not receiving notifications, please let us know so we can pass your information onto our IT folks. LISTSERV is a huge benefit of being a member of WSBA. To maintain both of these benefits, you need to renew your 2018 WSBA Membership.

Many email domains have changed their Security settings and your access to LISTSERV has been affected. As an example, for those using AOL for their email, AOL has made changes that are blocking all interactions with all LISTSERV's. Therefore, you may need to open another email account with another email provider to continue with LISTSERV.

Some of you have had your personal emails hacked/phished. Some of those have resulted in some of your fellow members receiving unwanted emails. The best way to protect yourself and those on your personal disbursement lists is to change you password on you personal email accounts. As of today, there have been no issues created by anyone hacking into LISTSERV. This is a personal email account issue.

CLE's

The CLE Committee of Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Chris Murray, and Drue Skaryd are already planning CLE's for 2018. If you have any topic suggestions, please get those to one of the CLE Committee Members.

All of our CLE's have been held at Umerly Hall, which is across the parking lot from the Rocky River Court. Members are charged \$50 and non-members are charged \$75 for each CLE. Announcements will be posted on our web page, on the Rocky River Court's web page, and via LISTSERV.

Periodically, we also have opportunities to attend free CLE's. We will do our best to keep everyone informed when those opportunities arise.

2018 DUES

To stay active and to have no interruption of your LISTSERV access and other WSBA benefits, get your dues payment in ASAP. Our dues cover the calendar year from January 1st through December 31st. Please write a check to WSBA for \$25 and submit same to Treasurer Terri Lastovka. Or you can download and complete the dues invoice from our web site and follow the instructions on the form. There are 105 of you that HAVE NOT renewed your Memberships for 2018.

2018 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING DATES

Tuesday March 6, 2018

Tuesday April 3, 2018

Tuesday May 1, 2018

Tuesday June 5, 2018

Tuesday September 4, 2018

TBD Clam Bake/General Meeting

Tuesday November 13, 2018 (General Elections November 6th)

Tuesday December 11, 2018 (Holiday Party)

TREASURER’S REPORT FROM TERRI LASTOVKA

*****Treasurer Terri Lastovka was out of the country and no report was available for this meeting.*****

Balance as of December 31, 2017		\$12,372.77
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Total Deposits		
<i>Payments:</i>		
Total Payments		
Net Increase (Decrease)		
Balance as of January 31, 2018		\$

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Joe Jerome explained that the 3rd Annual Chili/Soup/Desert Cook-Off is on Sunday February 18, 2018, from 1:30pm-5:00pm at Renuvo Salon located at 19900 Ingersoll Drive in Rocky River. Up to 25 competitors will be accepted to enter their chili or soup or desert into the competition. Competitors will not be charged an admission/entry fee. Those that attend but are not competing are charged \$5/person admission. Winners of the competition will be awarded gift certificates to local restaurants. Competitors need to prepare enough to feed twenty-five “tasters/voters”. A separate competition will be held for the best desert. If you will be entering as a competitor. You need to complete and entry form. For additional information, contact Joe Jerome privately at jbj@jeromelaw.com.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Member Dan Shields is seeking volunteers to assist with a Mock Trial Competition being held at Hayden Middle School in Lakewood on March 27th, 28th and 29th. Dan is seeking volunteers who can assist for an hour or more with the program. For more information, contact Dan Shields privately at danshieldsesq@gmail.com.**
- 2) Member Judith Layne with the Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County advised via a brochure of an upcoming Human Trafficking CLE on Friday February 16, 2018, in the 3rd Floor Human Resources Training Room at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court located at 9300 Quincy Avenue. Registration fee is \$40. Check-In/Registration begins at 12:30pm. CLE is from 1:00pm-3:30pm. This 2.5 hours of Professional Conduct Credit has been requested from the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education. You can register at cfadvocates.org. For additional information, you can contact Member Judith Layne privately at jlayne@cfadvocates.org.**
- 3) Member Judith Layne with the Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County advised via a brochure of an upcoming (3 Sessions) Pre-service Training for New Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocates which will occur on Wednesday March 7, 2018, Wednesday March 14, 2018 and Wednesday March 21, 2018. Participants MUST attend all three sessions. This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 14.0 total CLE hours, including 4.5 Professional Conduct Instruction. For additional information, you can contact Member Judith Layne privately at jlayne@cfadvocates.org.**
- 4) Member Judith Layne with the Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County advised via a brochure of an upcoming Trial Practice CLE on April 20, 2018. 3.0 General CLE hours have been requested from the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education. For additional information, you can contact Member Judith Layne privately at jlayne@cfadvocates.org.**

5) A Motion made by WSBA Member Judge Richard Markus, following discussion, was approved by oral vote of Members in attendance at the February 2018 Monthly General Meeting. The motion, in its entirety, appears below:

“I move that:

1) The West Shore Bar Association (WSBA) shall create a standing Amicus Curiae Committee.

2) The WSBA President shall appoint a Chair and least two other members for that committee for two-year terms, subject to their possible reappointment for additional terms.

3) The Amicus Curiae Committee shall

- (a) receive requests from WSBA members or others to provide amicus brief support on an appellate level,**
- (b) vote by a committee majority whether to recommend that amicus support,**
- (c) report to the WSBA Executive committee any matters for which they recommend amicus support, and**
- (d) seek and select one or more WSBA members to prepare that amicus support without compensation for any matters that the WSBA Executive Committee approves it.**

4) The WSBA Executive Committee shall have authority to approve amicus support for any matter on behalf of the WSBA. In making that decision the Executive Committee shall consider whether that amicus position is favorable for Ohio law, even if one or more WSBA members’ clients may at some time disfavor that amicus position.

Dick Markus”

6) **Ann Porath from Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is recruiting WSBA Member Attorneys for their Volunteer Lawyers Program to Volunteer at a Brief Advice & Referral Clinic on Saturday February 24, 2018. Your talents and services are needed. The WSBA is working with Legal Aid to help fill Volunteer Attorney positions for this clinic. This particular clinic will be a “dry run” for a similar Clinic that will be held later in the year in one of the communities within the jurisdiction of the Rocky River or Lakewood Municipal Courts. Current law students will complete the intake process of citizens that are seeking legal advice. Volunteer Attorneys are needed for brief advice and referral only. Volunteer Attorneys do not provide extended representation. The Clinic begins at 9:30am and ends by noon. Volunteer Attorneys need to arrive by 9:15am. There will be a brief training session prior to the beginning of the clinic. This is an opportunity to give back to our communities. The location of the clinic on February 24, 2018, is at St. Colman Parish Center, which is located at 2027 West 65th Street in Cleveland. It is between Lorain and Madison. Legal Aid will have a “Rolling Office” available complete with computers, printers and Internet connections. For more information, you may contact Ann Porath on her cell at (216) 798-3702. It would be great if the WSBA could field a sizeable team of Member Attorneys to assist.**

CANDIDATES

WSBA Member Lorraine Coyne addressed the Membership regarding her upcoming election for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas General Division Judge.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael Ryan Nakon

ADJOURNMENT