

January 2016 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 6:01pm

Adjourned: 6:45pm

Attendance: 67

Motion made and approved to accept Minutes of our November 2015 without a reading.

MEMBER LIST

At the end of 2011 we had 298 Members. At the end of 2012 we had 355 Members. At the end of 2013 we had 455 Members. At the end of 2014 we had 462 Members. At the end of 2015 we had 480 Members. At beginning of this meeting we already have 256 dues paying members for 2016. If you are already on the list, you received several emailings 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 westshorebarassoication.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 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 2016 WSBA MEMBERSHIP.

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

On DECEMBER 11, 2015, we concluded our 2015 CLE's with our Ethics and Professionalism CLE. We had 70 attendees. WSBA and Rocky River Municipal Court sponsored 12 hours of CLE's in 2015. We had a very successful year and intend to continue in 2016. Including Presenters, we had a total of 215 attendees at our 4 CLE's in 2015. The CLE Committee of Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Chris Murray, Tania Nemer and Drue Skaryd are already planning for next year.

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday Party was a huge success. We took over the entire Beachcliff Tavern for five hours on December 15th. Including our Party Helpers, we had 220 Attendees. It worked again this year because we required those RSVP'ing to send in a check for \$45 for each attendee. The Beachcliff had enough advanced notice and we ended with just the right amount of food. The Social Committee, under the direction of Mary Catherine Barrett, did a wonderful job getting everything together.

Because of the generosity of those in attendance by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win two CAVS tickets that were donated by

Member Phil Eichorn, we raised \$486.00 that was donated to The West Side Catholic Charities. In addition to the cash donation, Vice President Mary Catherine Barrett and the Social Committee organized a collection of gifts, clothing and assorted toys that were also donated.

From the proceeds of our 50/50 drawing, we made a \$400.00 cash donation to The Greater Cleveland Foodbank. In addition, Member Barbara Porzio made a \$250.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank, Member/Trustee Veronica Dever made a \$100.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank, and, via their Holiday Party RSVP check, Member Tom Pavlik and his wife, Elsa, made a \$90.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank.

To be split equally between Westside Charities and The Greater Cleveland FoodBank, Member James Cochran donated his \$45.00 RSVP check, Member Art Dombeck donated his \$45.00 RSVP check, Member William Hunt and his wife Karen donated their \$90.00 RSVP check, Member Chris Kelly donated his \$45.00 RSVP check, Member Steve Kolozvary donated his \$45.00 RSVP check, Member Joe Jerome donated his \$90.00 RSVP check, and Member Amy Wirtz donated her \$45.00 RSVP check.

The winner of the CAVS tickets was Ashley Jones and the winner \$400 from the 50/50 was Katie Mortensen.

2016 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.

2016 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING DATES

Tuesday January 5, 2016

Tuesday February 2, 2016

Tuesday March 1, 2016 (National Primary Elections are on March 15th)

Tuesday April 5, 2016

Tuesday May 3, 2016

Tuesday June 7, 2016

Tuesday September 6, 2016

TBD Clam Bake/General Meeting

Tuesday November 1, 2016 (National General Elections November 8th)

Tuesday December 13, 2016 (Holiday Party)

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM TERRI LASTOVKA

Previous Balance November 1, 2015		\$14,352.74
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Dues Collected - current year	\$100.00	
Dues collected - next year	\$1,950.00	
Meeting	\$710.00	
50/50 Proceeds	\$41.00	
Donation by 50/50 Winner, Member Harold Hom	\$41.00	
Income From Municipal Court Updates CLE	\$2,000.00	
Total Deposits		\$4,852.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Education – Copy Costs, Food & Supplies for September CLE Reimbursed to Clemens	(\$571.06)	
Meeting-Beachcliff	(\$700.00)	
Insurance-General Liability and D&O	(\$1,323.00)	
Memorial Donation to Sandusky APL for Deceased Member Giesler	(\$250.00)	
Total Payments		(\$2,844.06)
Net Increase (Decrease)		\$2,007.94
Balance as of November 30, 2015		\$16,360.68
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Dues Collected – current year	\$0.00	
Dues Collected – next year	\$2,925.00	
Lake Erie Crushers Event Tickets	\$16.00	
Holiday RSVP Checks Donated Back	\$495.00	
Raffle 50/50 Proceeds – FoodBank	\$800.00	
Raffle Proceeds – West Side Catholic Center	\$486.00	
CLE Seminar Income	\$3,700.00	
Total Deposits		\$8,422.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Education - Copy Costs for December CLE	(\$250.13)	
Education – Food/Beverage Costs	(\$236.07)	
Website – Gift Certificates for IT Guys	(\$219.80)	
Holiday Party Decorations	(\$394.00)	
Holiday Party Printing – Name Tags	(\$80.97)	
Holiday Party – Bartenders/Servers	(\$1,000.00)	
Holiday Party – Beachcliff	(\$9,900.00)	
Holiday Party – Door Assistants	(\$250.00)	
Charitable Donation - FoodBank	(\$692.50)	
Raffle 50/50 Winner – Katie Mortensen	(\$400.00)	
Total Payments		\$13,423.47
Net Income (Decrease)		(\$5,001.47)
Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$11,359.21

Motion made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

After leading the WSBA Social Committee for more than four years, WSBA Vice President/Social Committee Chair, Mary Catherine Barrett has decided to move on from her duties as the Social Committee Chair. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for all she did to grow the social aspects of the WSBA. For more than four years, she worked tirelessly and repeatedly to ensure there were plenty of events for all of our Members to enjoy. Going forward, Members Nick Froning and Joe Jerome will co-chair the WSBA Social Committee. Nick and Joe indicated that they will be seeking input from our Members for 2016 events.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

The following introduced themselves as our newest Members, Gary Arbezniak, Paul Davis, Bobby Forestall, Ashley Loyke, David Milchalski, Lauren Orrico, Dave Szabo and Brandon Whitted.

ELECTIONS:

A motion was made and accepted to conduct the 2016 Election of Officers and Trustees. There being no additional nominations, and the fact that all nominees were running un-opposed, the 2016 Officers and Trustees were elected by a voice vote of those in attendance at the meeting.

The 2016 WSBA Officers and Trustees are as follow:

OFFICERS:

President:	Judge Brian F. Hagan
Vice-President:	Mary Catherine Barrett
Vice President:	Joe Burke
Treasurer:	Terri Lastovka
Secretary:	Tim Clemens

TRUSTEES:

- 1) Hugh A. Carlin**
- 2) Veronica Dever**
- 3) Ashley Jones**
- 4) Judge Brendan Sheehan**
- 5) Stan Stein**