

January 2017 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 6:00

Adjourned: 6:45

Attendance: 47

Motion to accept Minutes of our November 2016 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 487 Members. At the end of 2016 we had 495 Members. At the beginning of this meeting we already have 386 dues paying members for 2017. If you have not yet renewed for 2017, 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 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

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 2017 WSBA MEMBERSHIP.

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

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 LISERSERV. This is a personal email account issue.

CLE's

On December 2, 2016, we concluded our 2016 CLE's with our Ethics and Professionalism CLE. We had 71 attendees. WSBA and Rocky River Municipal Court sponsored 12 hours of CLE's in 2016. We had a very successful year and intend to continue in 2017. Including Presenters, we had a total of 268 attendees at our 4 CLE's in 2016. The CLE Committee of Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Ashley Loyke, Chris Murray, and Drue Skaryd are already planning for next year. We also held a Vendor's Fair on November 11, 2016 and, as of this moment, we intend to have another in 2017.

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 LISERSERV.

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 13th. Including our Party Helpers, we had 227 Attendees. It worked again this year because we required those RSVP'ing to send in a check for \$50 for each attendee. The Beachcliff had enough advanced notice and we ended with just the right amount of food.

HOLIDAY PARTY DONATIONS

We made a \$319.00 cash donation to The Greater Cleveland FoodBank from our 50/50 proceeds. In addition, Members Barbara Porzio and Steve Kolozvary made a \$350.00 donation directly to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank, Member/Trustee Veronica Dever made a \$200.00 donation directly to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank, Member Jim Cochran made a \$50.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank via his Holiday Party RSVP check, Member Tom Pavlik and his wife Elsa made a \$100.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank via their Holiday Party RSVP check, Member Judge John Russo made a \$50.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank via his Holiday Party RSVP check and Member/Trustee Stan Stein and his guest made a \$100.00 donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank via his Holiday Party RSVP check. There was an anonymous cash donation of \$32.00. The winner of the 50/50 drawing made a \$120 cash donation of his winnings back to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank. The WSBA Executive Board voted to make an additional donation of \$179.00. The final total Donation to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank was \$1,500.00. That is enough to provide 6,000 healthy meals for local residents in need.

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/Vice President Joe Burke and a \$75 gift Certificate donated by the Beachcliff, we raised and donated \$750 to Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC).

Raffle proceeds totaled \$449.00. Member Joe Jerome donated his \$50.00 RSVP check and \$150 from three RSVP "no shows" was also donated to ACBC. The WSBA Executive Board voted to make an additional donation of \$101.00. The final total Donation to ACBC was \$750.00.

The winner of the CAVS tickets and \$75 Beachcliff Gift Certificate was Clare Long and the winner of \$319 from the 50/50 was Marty Gelfand. Marty donated \$120 of his winnings back to the Greater Cleveland FoodBank.

2017 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 the Treasurer elect. Or you can download and complete the dues invoice from our web site and follow the instructions on the form. There are 110 of you that HAVE NOT renewed your Memberships for 2017.

2017 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING DATES

Tuesday February 7, 2017

Tuesday March 7, 2017

Tuesday April 4, 2017

Tuesday May 2, 2017

Tuesday June 6, 2017

Tuesday September 5, 2017

TBD Clam Bake/General Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 2017 (General Elections November 7th)

Tuesday December 12, 2017 (Holiday Party)

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM TERRI LASTOVKA

Previous Balance October 31, 2106		\$22,881.11
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Dues Collected – 2017	\$4,475.00	
November Meeting Attendance	\$430.00	
CLE Seminar Income	\$3,325.00	
Vendor Fair	\$800.00	
Holiday Charitable Donation	\$1,970.00	
Total Deposits		\$11,000.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Seminar Expenses	(\$315.00)	
Insurance – D&O	(\$695.00)	
November Meeting-Bartender	(\$21.50)	
November Meeting-Beachliff	(\$408.50)	
Memorial Donations (Stephanoff and Reilly)	(\$500.00)	
Vendor Fair	(\$536.00)	
Holiday Party Charitable Donations (\$1970 + \$280)	(\$2,250.00)	

Holiday Party	(13,408.02)	
Total Payments		(\$18,134.75)
Net Increase (Decrease)		(7,134.75)
Balance as of December 31, 2016		\$15,746.36

Motion made and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

2017 ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES:

OFFICERS:

President: Judge Brian F. Hagan (current and re-nominated)

Vice-President: Mary Catherine Barrett (current and re-nominated)

Vice President: Joe Burke (current and re-nominated)

Treasurer: Terri Lastovka (current and re-nominated)

Secretary: Tim Clemens (current and re-nominated)

TRUSTEES:

1) Hugh A. Carlin (current and re-nominated)

2) Veronica Dever (current and re-nominated)

3) Joe Jerome (new nominee)

3) Ashley Jones (current and re-nominated)

4) Mike O'Shea (new nominee)

5) Judge Brendan Sheehan (current and re-nominated)

6) Stan Stein (current and re-nominated)

ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots will be collected and tabulated and the results will be made known before this meeting is adjourned.

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Vice President: Joe Burke

Treasurer: Terri Lastovka

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