

## **January 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Called to Order: 6:03pm**

**Adjourned: 6:47pm**

**Attendance: 45**

**Motion to accept Minutes of our November 2017 without a reading made and accepted.**

### **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 end of 2017 we had 496 Members. At the beginning of this meeting we already have 333 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](http://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](mailto: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 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**

**On December 1, 2017, we concluded our 2017 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 2017. We had a very successful year and intend to continue in 2018. Including Presenters, we had a total of 268 attendees at our 4 CLE's in 2017. The CLE Committee of Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Ashley Loyke, Chris Murray, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Including our Party Helpers, we had 196 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**

Through the generosity of our Members, three thousand two hundred twenty-one dollars and 00/100 (\$3,221.00) was donated to two local charities.

The Greater Cleveland FoodBank received one thousand nine hundred fifty three dollars and 50/100 (\$1,953.50) in checks from forty (40) different Members and cash proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, plus one hundred dollars in cash donated to The Greater Cleveland Food Bank by the 50/50 winner, WSBA Member Pat Nixon. Mr. Nixon's 50/50 gross split was three hundred ninety one dollars and 00/100 (\$391.00).

One thousand two hundred sixty seven dollars and 50/100 (\$1,267.50) was donated to Tour of Good Cheer checks from forty-one (41) individual WSBA Members.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 2018.

## **2018 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING DATES**

**Tuesday February 6, 2018**

**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

|  |             |                     |
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| <b>Balance as of October 31, 2017</b>  |             | <b>\$17,233.43</b>  |
| <i>Deposits:</i>                       |             |                     |
| Dues collected                         | \$7,525.00  |                     |
| Meeting attendance                     | \$620.00    |                     |
| Raffle sales                           | \$70.00     |                     |
| Seminar income (2)                     | \$4,093.00  |                     |
| Clambake income                        | \$70.00     |                     |
| Reimbursed insurance overpayment       | \$41.00     |                     |
| Reimbursement for NSF check            | \$15.00     |                     |
| Charitable donation collections        | \$2,185.00  |                     |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>                  |             | <b>\$14,619.00</b>  |
| <i>Payments:</i>                       |             |                     |
| CLE                                    | \$976.18    |                     |
| Clambake                               | \$4,163.48  |                     |
| Meeting - Bartender                    | \$31.00     |                     |
| Meeting - Facility                     | \$589.00    |                     |
| Raff winner payout                     | \$35.00     |                     |
| Holiday Party                          | \$11,500.00 |                     |
| Charitable donations                   | \$2,185.00  |                     |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                  |             | <b>\$19,479.66</b>  |
|  |             |                     |
| <b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>         |             | <b>(\$4,860.66)</b> |
|  |             |                     |
| <b>Balance as of December 31, 2017</b> |             | <b>\$12,372.77</b>  |

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

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- 1) Upcoming event is our third annual Chili Cook-Off. Joe Jerome is the contact person for the event. More details will follow via LISTSERV. It will be on Sunday February 18, 2018 at Renuvo Salon located at 19900 Ingersoll Drive in Rocky River. Each year the attendance and participation has grown. This year, the entries have to be limited to 25. Get your crockpots out of the pantry and dig through your family's recipes.
- 2) Amanda Hawkins reminded everyone that the WSBA Social Committee has an active webpage on FaceBook. A schedule of WSBA Social events is listed on the page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Member Judith Layne reported upcoming CLE's presented by Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County.**

**Friday January 12, 2108 12:30pm-4:15pm Serious Youth Offenders and Jurisdiction Transfers. All are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are in the back of the room and more information can be obtained from Members Layne and Judge Rini.**

**Friday January 19, 2108 12:30pm-3:00pm GAL: Debt Collection and Fees. All are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are in the back of the room and more information can be obtained from Member Layne.**

## **CANDIDATES:**

**Judicial Candidates Lorraine Coyne, Michelle Sheehan, Judge Denise Rini and Judge Cassandra Collier Williams addressed our Membership**

# **2018 WSBA ELECTIONS**

## **2018 WSBA OFFICER AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

**Trustees and Officers are separate governing bodies. No one can be both, an Officer and a Trustee. All Officers and Trustees, unless grandfathered in by virtue of being Members of the original WSBA (in existence prior to 2010) must be Full Members of the WSBA. To be a Full Member of the WSBA, you must be an attorney in good standing licensed to practice law in Ohio and you must reside or have your office/workplace in the jurisdiction of the Lakewood and/or Rocky River Municipal Courts. All other current/dues paying WSBA Members that are in good standing and licensed to practice law in Ohio who do not reside or do not have their office/workplace within the jurisdictions of the Lakewood and/or Rocky River Municipal Courts are Associate Members of the WSBA. All current active law students regardless of where they live or have an office/workplace are Associate Members. Associate Members and active Law students cannot be an Officer or be a Trustee of the WSBA. However, Associate Members and active law students may nominate and vote for Full Members running for Officers and Trustees.**

**All current Officers and Trustees may be re-nominated to serve as Officers or Trustees for 2018. You may nominate yourself as an Officer or as a Trustee. Before nominating someone else, make sure they are a full Member of the WSBA and will accept the nomination. Nominees can accept or decline the nomination up to the time of the vote. Nominees do not have to be present to be elected. The vote will occur during our first regular Monthly meeting of 2018, which is currently scheduled for January 2, 2018. If someone has been nominated and has not indicated that they will accept the nomination, their name will not**

**be submitted for election consideration. Nominations can be submitted to the current WSBA Secretary in person and/or via telephone and/or via email and/or to the Membership via LISTSERV and/or in person at any point in time up to immediately prior to the elections.**

**Written or oral nominations will also be accepted up to the time of the elections. However, as previously indicated, if the nominated party is not a full Member of the WSBA and has not confirmed acceptance of the nomination, their name will not be submitted for election consideration. Any nominated individuals, if they desire, prior to the votes being taken, will have two minutes each to direct comments to the WSBA Members in attendance at the January 2, 2018 meeting. If there is no more than one nominee for the offices of President, Secretary, and**

**Treasurer or no more than two nominees for the office of Vice President, the vote will be taken orally. If there are no more than five nominations for Trustees, the vote will be taken orally. If there are more than one nominated candidate for the offices of President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or more than two nominated candidates for the office of Vice President, or more than five nominated candidates to serve as Trustees, votes for that particular office or for the Trustees will be taken via written ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes from those Members in attendance at the January 2, 2018 meeting will be elected to the office for which they have been nominated. If there are more than two nominated candidates for the office of Vice President, the top two vote getters from the written ballots will be elected as the Vice Presidents. In the event there are more than five nominated candidates for Trustee, the top five vote getters from the written ballots will be elected. In the unlikely event there are any ties from the casting of written ballots, there will be a run-off via a second written ballot to determine a winner. If the tie remains, the 2017 Trustees in attendance**

**at the January 2, 2018 meeting will select the individual(s) to serve for 2018.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 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) Joe Jerome (current and re-nominated nominee)**

**3) Ashley Jones (current and re-nominated)**

**4) Leigh Prugh (new nominee)**

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

**6) Stan Stein (current and re-nominated)**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

**A Motion was made to nominate Stan Stein as a permanent lifetime WSBA Trustee. Thereby increasing the number of Trustees from five to six only to accommodate the lifetime appointment of Stan Stein. The members in attendance unanimously approved the one time lifetime appointment of Mr. Stein.**



## **2018 WSBA Officers and Trustees:**

### **Officers:**

**President: Judge Brian Hagan**

**Vice President: Joseph Burke**

**Vice President: Mary Catherine Barrett**

**Treasurer: Terri Lastovka**

**Secretary: Tim Clemens**

### **Trustees:**

**1) Hugh Carlin**

**2) Joe Jerome**

**3) Ashley Jones**

**4) Leigh Prugh**

**5) Judge Brendan Sheehan**

**6) Stanley Stein-Lifetime Trustee**

**ADJOURNMENT**