

November 14, 2017 Meeting Agenda

Meeting called to order at: 6:10pm
Meeting Adjourned at: 6:57pm
Number of Members in Attendance: 62

Motion made and approved to accept Minutes from the October 2017 Meeting without a reading.

MEMBER LIST

At the end of 2016, we had 495 members. At the beginning of this meeting we have 492 dues paying members for 2017.

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.

EVERYONE needs to go to our webpage and make sure your information is correct. To do that, go to westshorebarassociation.org, click on "Current Membership" click on "Alphabetical Membership List" scroll to your name and view your current information.

To update your webpage information you need to:

- 1) Go to westshorebarassociation.org
- 2) Click on "Current Membership"
- 3) Click on "Attorney Website Information Form"
- 4) Complete all fields, including "Areas of Practice"
- 5) You can add your email address and/or link to your website
- 6) 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
- 7) You can also send in a photo as an attachment with the completed form.

LISTSERV

As of late, **LISTSERV** has been down more than it has been up and running. The **LISTSERV** server was infected with a worm virus and we are trying to find a fix/work around. Our solution may be to change **LISTSERV** providers. We are indeed working towards a resolution and ask for your patience while we try to get **LISTSERV** up and running again.

CLE's

The WSBA's last CLE for 2017 is Friday, December 1, 2017, at Umerley Hall, located at 21016 Hilliard in Rocky River 44116 (across the parking lot from the Rocky River Municipal Court).

If you are a WSBA Member, the cost is \$50. If you are not a WSBA Member, the cost is \$75. Parking is close and free. Check in begins at 8:00am. CLE begins at 8:30am.

This will be our annual Professional Conduct CLE and will provide the requisite 2.5 hours of Professional Conduct to satisfy your bi-annual requirement.

Registration forms are available in the back of the room. They have also been sent to each of you via your personal email.

Please complete the registration form and send your completed registration form along with your check made payable to WSBA as indicated at the bottom of the Registration Form to CLE Committee Member Drue Skyard.

2018 DUES

Dues are \$25/Calendar Year January 1st - December 31st.

We have begun our Membership Renewal Drive for 2018. We are asking you to PLEASE Renew your Membership for 2018 ASAP. As you are aware, all of the Officers and Trustees for the WSBA volunteer their time. To that end, we are asking that you be cognizant of our time constraints and renew ASAP.

2018 Dues forms are in the back of the room. Each of you has also received an electronic copy of the dues statement via your personal email. Dues, regardless of when you join, are for the Calendar Year beginning January 1st - December 31st. Please complete the 2018 Dues Form and send your completed 2018 Dues Form along with your check made payable to WSBA as indicated at the bottom of the Dues Form to the WSBA Treasurer, Terri Lastovka. Please send in your completed dues form and check ASAP. We currently have 489 Members. As a result, the renewal process is quite extensive and time consuming. As a result, the renewal process is quite extensive and time consuming. By getting your renewal in now, it will make it easier

for those of us that have to process all of the information for 2018. Please help us get through this process more easily.

REMAINING 2017 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

Tuesday December 12, 2017 (Holiday Party)

Tuesday January 2, 2018 (First Meeting for 2018 and WSBA Elections)

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM TERI LASTOVKA

MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURERS' REPORT-MADE & PASSED

Balance as of September 30, 2017		\$14,511.64
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Dues collected	\$150.00	
Clambake income	\$3,654.00	
Total Deposits		\$3,804.00
<i>Payments:</i>		
Insurance D&O	\$656.00	
Bank service charge (NSF check)	\$15.00	
CLE facility	\$250.00	
CLE food/beverage	\$161.21	
Total Payments		\$1,082.21
Net Increase (Decrease)		\$2,721.79
Balance as of October 31, 2017		\$17,233.43

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

2017 WSBA Social Events Calendar			
Date	Event	Coordinator	Cost
December 12, 2017	Holiday Party Beach Cliff Tavern	WSBA Executive Board	\$50

Amanda Hawkins reminded everyone that the WSBA Social Committee now has a presence on FaceBook. The FaceBook Gate Keeper is Amanda Hawkins. If you contact Amanda, she will give you directions on how to access the page. It is a closed page, only current WSBA Members have access. Amanda's email amandajhawkinsjd@gmail.com.

Amanda Hawkins thanked Joe Jerome for his planning and execution of last month's Clam Bake. She discussed details of the upcoming Holiday Party and advised that there may be another wine tasting event in the near future.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2017 WSBA Holiday Party is scheduled for Tuesday December 12, 2017 at the Beachcliff Tavern located at 19245 Detroit Road in Rocky River. We have reserved the entire restaurant and meeting room from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. As a Member of the WSBA, you and one significant other are invited to attend the WSBA Holiday Party. The party includes a full buffet dinner and open bar. As this is another benefit of being a current dues paying Member of the WSBA, there is no cost to you. Space is limited to a total of 300 partygoers. You must RSVP to Tim Clemens only. You can only RSVP via regular mail by following the instructions at the bottom of the registration form. Registration forms are on the table in the back of the room and have also been sent to each of you via your personal email. To RSVP you MUST complete the Holiday Party Registration Form and then mail the completed form and your check to Tim. You MUST include a check made payable to WSBA for \$50 for EACH person attending the Party. NO RSVP'S WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE \$50/PERSON RSVP CHECK. TIM MUST RECEIVE YOUR RSVP AND CHECK FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF MONEY (\$50/PERSON) ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2017. When you arrive at the party, your check will be returned to you. If you RSVP and are a "no show", your check for \$50/person will be deemed to be surrendered and it will be cashed. Because of the nature of the party, we have to pre-order the food based upon the head count of those expected to attend. Therefore, we still have to pay for the meals of those that RSVP but do not attend the party. If you are not pre-registered for the party, you will be turned away at the door. That is why it is important for you to RSVP ASAP. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. However, because space is limited, we may reach a point when we cannot take any additional RSVP's.

Through your generosity, we are asking that you consider donating your RSVP to Charity. We will have charitable donation options upon checking in at the back door.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

WSBA Vice-President Mary Catherine Barrett is looking for assistance with setting up and execution a legal clinic with the WSBA and Legal Aid being held on February 24, 2018. Please contact Mary Catherine for addition details at barrett@ohioadoptionlaw.com.

CANDIDATES:

Steve Dettelbach, Candidate for Ohio Attorney General addressed those in attendance at our Meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

We welcomed Carley Berman, Torrie Franks and Brian Jacobson.

ADJOURNMENT