

FCCA MEETING MINUTES

Business Meeting - Friday, August 3, 2001 - Cleveland, Ohio

The Business meeting was called to order by President Sam Hamrick at 12:20 PM (EDT) on Friday, August 3, 2001, in Cleveland, Ohio. All FCCA Board Members and Officers, and FCCA members. A quorum of the membership was declared.

President Hamrick thanked our host court and team Cleveland for the wonderful conference held this week. He expressed FCCA's appreciation to Siemens, sponsors of the luncheon at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

President's Report:

The President's written report has been prepared and distributed. FCCA is fiscally sound and is attracting new members. We have had extraordinary interest from courts in hosting future conferences. The overall state of FCCA is very good.

President-Elect:

President-Elect Joe Haas thanked Sam for his assistance in the last year. He is looking forward to the next year as FCCA President. Mr. Haas will focus on making FCCA more of a presence in the educational area. The FJTN has cut down our opportunity to get together in a training atmosphere, and FCCA may be able to fill that void. Betsy Paret, Clerk of Eastern District of Virginia, will be coordinating a jury seminar next spring, probably in the D.C. area in order to utilize trainers from the AO and FJC. The idea to have a FAS4T forum here prior to this conference was a great one, which probably attracted new attendees. Mr. Haas would like to have a program either before or after the Portland conference in 2002.

One of the things Mr. Haas takes very personally is the Blood for Life Program. This began in the District of Maryland, when he was the clerk. The 14 courts who donated blood this year during the FCCA blood drive were recognized. Mr. Haas is excited for the upcoming year and anxious to serve as FCCA President.

Secretary:

Ms. Beauchene advised of the minutes prepared after each meeting, and they can be viewed on the website, or a copy received from your Board Representative. The Calendar of Events has been maintained and is posted in each issue of the *Journal*. Secretary Beauchene has maintained a Minute Book, which contains copies of all prior meeting minutes and is brought to each Board and Business meeting by the Secretary.

Treasurer:

Betty Jackson reported her first year as Treasurer has been a unique and rewarding year. The Treasurer's reports were distributed.

Historian:

Ms. Corrine Szalay reported on the historian display table located in the hallway with past conference photo albums on display. She prepared a written report which has been distributed. She is at the end of her second term and will not be seeking re-election next year.

Ms. Szalay recognized those FCCA members who participated in the Race for Cure Program. The response to the program was low this year, but hopefully this will improve.

Clerk's Council:

Sheryl Loesch, Clerk of the Middle District of Florida, was recently appointed as the Chair of the Clerk's Council. Ms. Loesch's court is also the site of the 2003 conference.

President Hamrick recognized outgoing Board members: David DiMarzio, Raymond Waguespack, Jim McCormack, Betsy Paret, and Lance Wilson. He expressed his appreciation for their service to FCCA.

Deputy Clerks Council:

Nadine Smith prepared a written report. She noted a large portion of the Deputy Clerks Council's time and effort is devoted to the membership drive and election process. There will be a Ross Levy award presented at the banquet.

Maria Carpenter reported on the Blood For Life program, a function of the DCC. Ms. Carpenter noted 14 courts donated 570 units of blood, and each unit of blood is used three different ways. Three top courts with largest FCCA member donations: District of Idaho; District of Oregon and District of Connecticut. The District of Oregon took first place for 92 units of blood donated. This district received a framed plaque and certificates were presented to all FCCA members who donated blood. Kath Love of Little Rock, Arkansas donated 7 units of blood and received a certificate and a Red Cross t-shirt.

Ms. Carpenter reminded FCCA members of the May 15 deadline each year for information to be given to her on any blood donations. Even if your court doesn't have a blood drive, please let Ms. Carpenter know of any donors, and they will be counted. Winners of five \$50 drawings were: Jay Howard, Eastern District of Virginia; Denae Swenson and Jackie Meisenheimer, District of South Dakota; Steve Watkins, District of Connecticut, and Martha Hasty, District of Kentucky.

Ms. Smith introduced the new DCC Chair, Cris Beeman, Central District of California. Ms. Smith thanked the clerks for giving us the help and support to attend the annual conferences. The assistance given by the AO and FJC are so valuable as well. All of these people work together to give us a professional conference.

Seniors Report:

Rosalie Womack requested FCCA members to encourage future and present retirees to continue to be a FCCA member. Please contact her or Eileen Levine if you need any assistance.

Professional Development:

Chair Cam Burke prepared a written report, and Sam Hamrick reported the Carol Fitzgerald Scholarship application forms were re-written and are being utilized. The scholarship winners were recognized.

Nominations:

Chair June Philips distributed information on nominations and voting procedures. She expressed her thanks to the nomination committee. Election today will be for President-Elect, Secretary, and voting on By-laws proposed amendments.

President-Elect - One nomination, Jeff Apperson, no further nominations from the floor. Nominations for President-Elect closed. Nadine Smith commented regarding nominee Jeff Apperson, and Mr. Apperson presented his nomination speech.

Secretary - One nomination for Secretary, Sheila Beauchene. Bill Heede nominated Donna Craig, Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Tennessee, for Secretary. No second needed for nomination, however, Kathleen Brouwer seconded the nomination. Mr. Heede commented on behalf of Donna Craig for secretary.

Ms. Darlene Jose and Ms. Anne Kuschel, from the District of North Dakota, commented on behalf of Sheila Beauchene for Secretary, and Sheila Beauchene gave her nomination speech.

(Voting commenced)

Finance:

John Zingo reported on the 2002 proposed budget which has been distributed. Michael Nagy, Middle District of Florida, moved the budget be approved. David Borkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Awards:

Chair Michell Valentine presented certificates to all FCCA Officers, Board members, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Those who have been FCCA members for 25 years were recognized (see written report for complete listing). Special Service Awards were presented to Lance Wilson and Andrea Ward for their work on FCCA membership.

Membership:

Chair Lance Wilson reported 1603 FCCA members to date. All district representatives were recognized. Mr. Wilson advised \$480 was collected during the membership raffle held at this conference. He will be scheduling a conference call with all district representatives this fall; and, he is working on an on-line registration form. Mr. Wilson encourages membership, and that we continue holding joint conferences with NCBC.

Site Selection:

Chair Linda Lee reported conference sites as follows: 2002 conference is to be held in Portland, Oregon, 2003 conference in Orlando, Florida. Four courts submitted bids for the 2004 conference, and it was a difficult decision to select a site. At the Board meeting on Tuesday, the Board voted to hold the 2004 conference in Los Angeles, California. Ms. Lee thanked her co-chair, Judy Shelton, and all committee members.

2002 Conference:

The FCCA 2002 Portland court presented a slide show, illustrated by Dan Armstrong. Conference dates are: July 28 - August 2, 2002.

Election results announced: President-Elect Jeff Apperson elected and Secretary Sheila Beauchene elected. The proposed By-law amendments passed.

President Hamrick reported that 18 units of blood were donated on Tuesday, July 31, 2001.

FCCA member Mark Richmond, Southern District of California, inquired as to whether the check in/out procedure for voting was required by the By-laws. It was agreed that this procedure wasn't. Mr. Richmond moved to stop the procedure of signing ballots in and out for the election process. The procedure was very time consuming. Ian Key seconded the motion. (No vote was taken). This is an issue that should be turned over to the Nominations committee chair.

Handouts:

1. Treasurer's Reports
2. Historian's Report
3. Deputy Clerk's Council's Report
4. Voting information & procedures
5. Proposed budget for FY 2002
6. Awards Report
7. Conference Survey

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, 8/20/01

Sheila Beauchene, Secretary