

**FCCA Business Meeting  
August 11, 1999  
Miami Beach , FL**

President Sam Hamrick called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM and declared a quorum present. Mr. Hamrick recognized and thanked several conference sponsors and presented them with the FCCA glass palm tree as a token of our appreciation.

President's Report:

Mr. Hamrick noted the retirement of Marty Oogjen, that he is well and appreciates all the good wishes from the FCCA members. President Hamrick noted the opportunity for creativity as we meet the challenges of the new century and encouraged us to not only think "outside the box" but to "do away with the box." Mr. Hamrick announced that Lance Wilson, as Past President, will chair the Planning Committee. Mr. Hamrick thanked all for their hard work and mentioned the following outgoing Board Members:

1 <sup>st</sup> Circuit	Pat Kelly
3 <sup>rd</sup> Circuit	Edith Jazmin
5 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	Rick Martin
7 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	Steve Ludwig
9 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	Glenda Tipton
11 <sup>th</sup> Circuit	William Heede

Mr. Hamrick noted the new and returning Board Members and Committee Chairs as follows:

**Board Members**

1 <sup>st</sup>	David DeMarzio (appointed)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eileen Levine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Zingo	4 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Shelton
5 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Lee	6 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Taylor
7 <sup>th</sup>	Norb Jaworski (appointed)	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Beauchene
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Keye	10 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Borkoski
11 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond Waguespack	Nat.	Beckie Bates

**Committee Chairs**

Planning	Lance Wilson
Professional Development	Geraldine Crockett
Finance	John Zingo
Site Selection	Linda Lee
Awards	Sheila Beauchene
Membership	Jeff Apperson
Legal Issues	Barry Dunford
Nominations	June Phillips
By-Laws	Chris Johnson
Seniors	Rosalie Womack

Jim McCormack will chair the Clerks Council and will continue to represent FCCA on the AO advisory groups and committees. *Journal* Editor Robert Heinemann will remain as Editor for the Summer and Fall issues. Jeff Apperson and Ralph DeLoach will be Co-Editors of the *Journal* in 2000.

Mr. Hamrick stated that the board meetings are open to the membership and all are welcome. The FCCA financial books are also open, and we are in sound financial condition.

#### Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee:

Donna Craig called attention to the report in the conference notebook. She stated that she has sent the bank statements to Pat Kelly and the audit will be presented at the mid year meeting. The proposed FY 2000 budget is \$43,350, and the complete budget is in the conference notebook. The Treasurer's Report has been distributed, and Ms. Craig is available to answer any questions. She noted that for the three quarters we have 1419 members, and we are in balance for membership and dues collected. In summary, we are in a sound financial position. Raymond Waguespack moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and FY 2000 budget as presented. Dave Borkoski seconded. Motion carried.

#### Historian:

Corrine Szalay mentioned the importance of e-mail in communication and encouraged members to use e-mail to let her know what is going on around the country in the courts. She also encouraged the membership to use e-mail to communicate with each other regarding FCCA and what is of interest in the field. She asked for copies of any local FCCA newsletters and thanked everyone for the information she currently receives. She noted her report in the conference notebook and she looks forward to 2000. Mr. Hamrick noted that the FCCA web site is monitored and updated by Cam Burke and invited the membership to visit the web site.

#### Deputy Clerks Council:

Nadine Smith referenced the report in the conference notebook. She encouraged the reps to transmit FCCA material to local courts to keep people informed. Important issues for the DCC in 2000 includes the following: 1. Membership drive and elections; 2. Ross Levy Award; 3. Blood for Life Program (Meri Lightbody, chairperson); 4. Conference Room-Share Program (Trelvis Dunford, coordinator); 5. Leave Share Program (Maria Carpenter, coordinator); 6. DCC Web site (Beckie Bates, coordinator); 7. Long Range Planning (David Stechmann, chairperson); 8. Deputy Clerk Profile Project - each issue of the *Journal* (Val Pulley, coordinator); 9. FCCA Logo Shirt Project - new this year as an FCCA promotion (Maria Carpenter, coordinator) and James Fry, owner of Gold Coast will work with the *Journal* to place order forms in the *Journal* for direct order with a cost of \$23.50 for the polo shirt and \$26.50 for the denim long sleeve shirt; 10. Directory of District/Circuit Reps (circulation is in progress). Ms. Smith expressed appreciation to the Clerks of Court who encourage and support personal and professional growth, the AO, FJC, the Education Committee and to the sponsors. Ms. Smith reminded the conference attendees of the Senior/Retiree Reception from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM today, which is chaired by Sharon Harris and Rosalie Womack.

### Committee Reports:

#### Site Selection:

Linda Lee reported that the site for the mid year meeting is Las Vegas, NV. The Committee is working on the 2002 conference site west of the Mississippi River. Any courts that are interested may send letters of interest to the committee. The 2000 conference is in Spokane, WA and 2001 is in Cleveland, OH. Ms. Lee noted the policy of east/west rotation of conference sites.

#### Seniors/Retirees:

Rosalie Womack asked that we all encourage those members who are retiring to continue their FCCA membership. Names of retirees may be sent to Ms. Womack.

#### Nominations:

Anne Kuschel referenced the report in the conference notebook with specific note to page three and that the office of Secretary is up for re-election. She named the committee members and thanked them for their hard work. The committee members will act as tellers for the election. Ms. Kuschel noted the voting instructions on blue paper that were distributed. She noted that Sheila Beauchene, Jake Herb and Jo Solomon are the nominees. The President called each candidate, in alphabetical order, to the podium to give a speech to the membership. Lance Wilson presented the speech for Jake Herb as Mr. Herb was unable to attend. Mr. Hamrick opened nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Linda Lee moved that nominations close. Bill Heede seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BREAK IN BUSINESS FOR VOTING - 10:45 to 11:00 AM.

### Committee Reports, con't.:

#### Professional Development:

Geraldine Crockett thanked her committee, the FJC, and Team Miami with special thanks to Kathy Archer, for their hard work toward presenting a good conference. Ms. Crockett reported that the Carol Fitzgerald Fund awarded 19 scholarships this year. There were 22 applicants and the committee awarded 11 tuition assistance scholarships and 8 course work scholarships for a total award of \$5,850. The 22 applicants is a major increase over the 5 applicants for 1998.

#### Membership:

Jeff Apperson recognized Bob Heinemann as Editor of the FCCA *Journal*. Mr. Heinemann will be working with co-editors, Jeff Apperson and Ralph DeLoach to continue to improve the publication. Mr. Apperson thanked Ian Keye, Lance Wilson, Donna Craig and Nadine Smith and the deputy clerks for support given. He noted that the committee will work toward reaching the goal of 2,000 members in year 2000.

#### Awards:

Sheila Beauchene recognized all persons with certificates and/or service pins (list is attached). The Southern District of Georgia received an award for 100% FCCA membership. Team Miami was recognized for all their efforts in presenting a successful conference.

### FCCA Foundation Report:

Jim Davey gave an overview of the establishment, the rationale, the Board of Directors and the purpose of the Foundation. Mr. Davey noted the Public Service Award Program by the Foundation, which is a \$1,500 cash award to the deputy clerk for outstanding fronting service. The award will be presented to Jimmy Purvis on Thursday evening. The award money comes from private donors. The Foundation seeks the help of the FCCA membership in promoting the award program with contributions as well as submission of names of possible recipients. The contributions are tax deductible. We are hopeful of an endowment from a corporate source of \$3,000 this year and \$3,000 next year. All contributions are needed and welcome.

### 2000 Conference - Spokane, WA:

Leslie Downey and Grace Capri made a short presentation. The date is June 11 - 15, 2000 at the DoubleTree Hotel. A web page is available through the FCCA web site for updates. A short video was presented.

### Miscellaneous Items;

- Election Results: Sam Hamrick thanked Jo Solomon and Jake Herb for submitting their names for service and announced that Sheila Beauchene was elected FCCA Secretary for 2000-2002.
- Door prizes: Names drawn and prizes presented. Mr. Hamrick recognized and thanked Mr. Tom Ballew from Staples/Ivan Allen, Inc. for the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jo Solomon