

FCCA MEETING MINUTES
Business Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2006 - Boston, Massachusetts

The Business meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Loesch at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. Loesch declared a quorum present. Bill McCool was asked to join Ms. Loesch to discuss a matter of inappropriate behavior. It is common knowledge that there exists a bad element of society that preys upon out-of-town visitors. Everyone was asked to be vigilant of their surroundings. Do not give personal information to strangers or invite strangers to participate in our conference activities. Everyone was also asked to report any inappropriate or suspicious behavior to the proper authorities.

President's Report

Sheryl Loesch welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting. She said Jeff Apperson was unable to attend because of his commitment to serve as the emergency temporary Chief of Court Management Section for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at the Hague. She said Mr. Apperson extends his warmest wishes to everyone.

Ms. Loesch began her report by thanking Team Boston for hosting a wonderful conference and having a phenomenal educational program and social agenda. She said the FCCA is working on many outstanding projects to enhance our lives. Jim Murphy is working very hard on bringing a host of insurance benefits to our members. The FCCA will work with the Government Managers Coalition on a proposal to convert FERS employees' unused sick leave into credit toward offsetting the cost of health insurance premiums upon retirement. We are partnering with Michigan State University to provide educational courses which can lead to a non-credit certificate and be applied toward a masters degree in Judicial Administration. There are many committees within the FCCA working on a variety of projects and everyone is encouraged to join a committee. In order to promote membership, Ms. Loesch and Bill McCool prepared a four-minute video that will be available on the FCCA web site. The video was demonstrated for all to view. It describes the many benefits of FCCA membership. Ms. Loesch encouraged everyone to refer potential members to the web site and video.

Blood For Life Program

Ms. Kim Cronin from the Massachusetts General Hospital Blood Center thanked the FCCA and conference attendees for the Blood for Life program. She said their greatest need for donors is during the summer months. She was especially grateful to Team Boston for organizing a blood drive on site at the conference, since blood supplies are currently low.

Jane Bauer reported 1535 units of blood were donated during the past year, representing the highest total donations since recording began 21 years ago. Everyone who donated will

receive a certificate. Most notably, Ariana Estariel once again had the most donations by an individual. The District of Massachusetts had the third most donations by district (206 units), the Eastern District of California had the second most (256 units), and the Western District of Pennsylvania had the most donations by district (278). The following donors were drawn at random to receive \$50 each: Lisa Urso, District of Massachusetts; Pat McNutt, Eastern District of Tennessee; Ariana Estariel, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation; Mary Jo Peters, District of Oregon; and Lisa Adams, Central District of California.

Treasurer's Report

John Zingo distributed a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the third quarter, and a budget report. He reminded everyone that the budget covers one and one-half years. We have a total of approximately \$91,000 on deposit. However, the next dues year won't begin until July 1, 2007, after next year's annual conference.

Deputy Clerk's Council Report

Jenine Wright reported seven of the Council's Executive Board members were at the conference and together they had a chance to meet and discuss their projects. They are selling conference pins and lanyards as a fund raiser. A survey is in the works to determine what issues are important to deputy clerks. All suggestions are welcome.

Historian's Report

David Stechmann suggested everyone stop by the Historian room if they haven't already done so. Last year's Historian for a Day photos are on display, along with photos and memorabilia from past conferences. Thankfully, no photos or memorabilia were damaged during Hurricane Katrina. He is always looking for volunteers to help set up and take down the Historian room display.

Awards Report

Sheryl Loesch thanked all those who volunteer to serve the FCCA in various capacities. She gave special thanks to the District Representatives, acknowledging those in attendance. Sue Rigan recognized the FCCA's Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs. There were a total of 238 certificates of recognition printed, including 132 for District Representatives.

Membership Report

Sheryl Loesch reported on behalf of Pam Twiford. We currently have 1087 members, of whom 979 are deputy clerks and 52 are clerks of court. Anyone can join the FCCA at any time. Your current membership expires after next year's annual conference.

Elections Report

Anne Stygles reported receiving the following nominations: John Zingo, Treasurer; David Stechmann, Historian; Deenah Levine, 2nd Circuit; Rob Walker, 4th Circuit; Cheryl Sweat, 6th Circuit; Susan Kern, 8th Circuit; and Robin Tabora, Washington DC Federal Courts. There were 48 absentee ballots received. Ms. Stygles asked whether there were any nominations from the floor, and there were none. Mark Richmond moved to close the nominations and Bill McCool seconded. There being no other nominations, Mr. Zingo and Mr. Stechmann were elected by acclamation. Mr. Zingo and Mr. Stechmann thanked everyone for their support.

Team Tempe Report

Deb Lucas and members from Team Tempe gave a PowerPoint presentation on Tempe Arizona, the site of the 2007 annual conference, to be held June 24 - 28. Plans have already begun on what promises to be a very exciting conference. They thanked Team Boston for their support and advice.

President's Closing Remarks

Sheryl Loesch thanked everyone for attending the conference. She hoped everyone enjoyed the educational classes and the evening events. She is looking forward to seeing everyone again at next year's conference in Tempe, Arizona.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Rigan,
Secretary