

FCCA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Eugene, Oregon

2:00 p.m. PST

The annual Federal Court Clerks' business meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Jim Larsen on Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

Attendees: Although attendance was not taken, approximately 200 members were present in addition to the Board members who were in attendance for the 2010 annual conference.

1. Team Mobile Presentation Regarding 2011 Annual Conference

Clerk Chuck Diard, from the Alabama Southern District Court introduced Team Mobile and its "Go Coastal" theme, during an audio and visual presentation regarding the 2011 annual conference that will be held in Mobile, Alabama, at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. A few of the 2011 conference highlights included:

- The Parrot Head President's Reception – beach bum attire suggested
- A seafood boil aboard the Battleship USS Alabama
- Mardi Gras Ball and Dinner with a local show band

Mr. Diard advised that the conference would have a heavy information technology (IT) focus and that the Michigan State University Judicial Administration courses offered in 2011 would be IT Management and Essential Components of Courts.

Team Mobile gave a spirited presentation in their Parrot Head gear, complete with the throwing of beads and prizes.

Mr. Diard thanked the FCCA members for purchasing over 300 armbands, which were used to raise funds for the conference. Mr. Diard also thanked his colleagues from Florida Northern and Alabama Middle for assisting him with the upcoming conference. Chuck suggested people visit the conference website at: <http://fcca2011.com/> for ongoing updates on the 2011 conference.

2. Conference Planning Decisions

Mr. Larsen reported that at its June 27, 2010, meeting the Board voted to partner with local courts to plan and host conferences held in 2012 and beyond. Mr. Larsen explained that this partnership with the FCCA Board would relieve the host courts with much of the pressure associated with planning and hosting a national conference. He also expects that

such an arrangement will encourage courts to commit to hosting a conference in their district.

Mr. Larsen stated that it is his hope that the 2012 conference could be held in the west and that the 2013 conference could be held in the east. He hopes following the 2011 Mid Year Board Meeting to be able to announce future host sites.

3. Historian's Report

Historian David Stechmann provided a report, noting that the Eugene conference was the 82nd annual FCCA conference. Mr. Stechmann played a slideshow commemorating the 2009 conference which was held in Detroit, Michigan, complete with Motown music. He also thanked Linda Wade-Bahr for assisting him with the creation of the artwork for the 2009 conference banner, which was unveiled in Eugene. Mr. Stechmann also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Maureen Conner and her staff from the Michigan State University (MSU) Judicial Administration Program for contributing items for the historical display.

Mr. Stechmann stated that he was on the ballot for the 2010 and thanked everyone for allowing him to serve in that capacity and looked forward to serving the FCCA membership in 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Stechmann encouraged everyone who had taken photos during the conference to send copies to him.

4. Membership Report

Membership Chair Cheryl Sweat provided a report, thanking people for renewing their membership. She stated that she would accept membership checks for 2010/11 dues through the conference. Ms. Sweat stated that membership packets had been developed to distribute to new members.

Ms. Sweat stated the 2009/10 membership reached approximately 1,300 members. She thanked the circuit and district representatives for their assistance with the ongoing membership drive. She advised that she had already received over 50 membership payments while at the 2010 conference, which is in addition to the 450 2010/11 payments that had previously been processed.

It was noted that a method for accepting online payments was still in the planning stages and would likely be available in the near future.

5. Nominations Report

Nominations Committee Chair Anne Stygles advised that one person had been nominated for Historian – David Stechmann and that he would be running unopposed. She also stated

that one person had been nominated for Treasurer – John Zingo, and that he would be running unopposed as well. Mr. Zingo made a brief statement informing the membership that he had joined the federal judiciary in 1975, attended in first FCCA conference in 1982 and had been Treasurer since 1994. Ms. Stygles reported that since there were no nominations received from the floor both the Treasurer and the Historian were elected by acclamation.

Ms. Stygles further stated that, being an even-numbered year that the even numbered circuit representative seats and the DC Circuit were up for election. Nominees included:

- 2nd Circuit Eileen Levine (new)
- 4th Circuit No nominee
- 6th Circuit Kathy Keaton (new)
- 8th Circuit Marian Leah Frahm (re-elected)
- 10th Circuit Tami Jo Anthony (re-elected)
- DC Circuit Anne Stygles (new)

All of the above circuit representatives were elected and introduced.

6. Awards Presentations

Awards Committee Chair Libby Smith assisted with the presentation of the following awards:

Angie Award – Dave Maland, Clerks’ Council Chair presented Clerk Robin D. Tabora from the District of Connecticut District Court with a plaque.

Dwight D. Opperman Public Service Award -- Dave Borkowski, on behalf of the FCCA Foundation presented a check for \$1,500 to Maria J.Q. Carpenter from the District of Connecticut District Court.

Twenty-Five Year Service Awards:

The following recipients received a 25-year pin and a certificate at the 2010 FCCA Annual Conference (1985-2010):

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| Geneva Ashby | Peggy C. Koster |
| George A. Bartels | Rosalie Krajcik |

Dennis Bilecki

Annie McGraw

James R. Crull

Roberto Monteagudo

Patricia Fosbrook

Michael L. Mort

Debra A. Gelhausen

Warren N. Nakamura

Jeanette Gilmore

Kembra L. Smith

Dorothy R. Guranich

John R. Stauffer

Sharon Palmer

Jay Susslin

Departing Board Members:

Certificates and pins were awarded to the following departing Board Members (some of whom were reelected) for their outstanding and dedicated service:

Maria Carpenter, Second Circuit; Robert L. Walker, Fourth Circuit; Vanessa Armstrong, Sixth Circuit; Marian Lea Frahm, Eighth Circuit; Tami Jo Anthony, Tenth Circuit; Scott Atchue, Washington DC Federal Courts.

Miscellaneous Awards:

A Special Thank You:

Team Eugene: Clerk: Mary Moran, Chief Deputy: Le Kelleher, The Planning Team Members: Dawn Stephens, Team Leader, Linda Sherry, Activities Chair, Laura Brinn, Education Chair, Registration Co-Chair, Christy Weller, Finance Chair, Levi Ruiz, Marketing/Conference Bag Chair, Megan Morris, Registration Co-Chair, Elizabeth Potter, Registration Co-Chair, Suzanne Porto, Staff Coordinator, Laura Brennan, Raffle Prize Coordinator, Nicole Munoz, Raffle Prize Coordinator, Eugene Slideshows, music and banners: Rick Windhorst, Linda Wade-Bahr, and Jeanne Huetting.

40 Years Membership to retiring Deputy Clerk Danny Kenneally from NYSD

Deenah Levine thanked the District of Massachusetts for donating the most blood during Red Cross blood drives over the past year.

7. Other

Mr. Larsen thanked NVD Clerk Lance Wilson for chairing the 2010 Education Committee and announced that Vanessa Armstrong, Chief Deputy Clerk from KYWD would be chairing the 2011 Education Committee.

Stephen Mandel, Chair of the Deputy Clerks' Council announced the winners of the gift baskets, that had been donated by each of the circuits. Proceeds from the silent auction amounted to \$928.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. (PST)

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Smith
FCCA Secretary