

FCCA Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 26, 2008
Galt House
Louisville, Kentucky

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Bill McCool on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at the Galt House Hotel, in Louisville, Kentucky. In the absence of Sue Rigan, FCCA Secretary, Cheryl Sweat volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

President's Message - Bill McCool

Mr. McCool opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and providing reports on behalf of the committee chairs who were unable to attend. The MSU educational training attendees should meet in the lobby at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, June 27, and walk to the courthouse, where the training will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Bill reported that the FCCA is very strong. There are currently 1453 members. There were 353 members registered for the Louisville conference and the conference registration was closed two months early. It is expected that the 2009 host court will open the Dearborn registration some time in February, 2009. Bill pointed out a few of his accomplishments during his Presidency. These include the creation of the Marketing and Outreach Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee; and Reconstituting the Foundation so it will be more active and raise money to provide educational opportunities, along with supporting awards, including the Opperman Public Service Award. Bill recognized each committee on the Awards Committee Report and thanked the members for their dedication and hard work. Bill also discussed the status of the FERS sick leave initiative and that we continue to monitor the Congressman's initiative.

Mr. McCool recognized the departing Board members. Marian Lea Frahm replaced Susan Kern as the Eighth Circuit Representative, Scott Atchue replaced Robin Tabora as the Washington, DC Federal Courts Representative, Maria Carpenter replaced Deenah Levine as Second Circuit Representative, and Tracey Couling replaced Cheryl Sweat as the Sixth Circuit Representative.

Historian Report - David Stechmann

Mr. Stechmann reported that he is excited about the progress that has been made thus far and thanked everyone for the past year's progress. He reminded everyone to visit the Historian room. He looks forward to his next two year term. He noted the accomplishments of the Historian Committee and encouraged members to get involved, such as helping set up the Historian room at each conference and providing him with many conference photos. He thanked

the Louisville committee for their support and assistance in obtaining the Historian room and thanked Denise Vought, Maria Carpenter, Cheryl Sweat, Carol Mullins, Pat McNutt, Renee Young, Jess Nelson, and many others for assisting him over the years. New this year is the digital photo frames that include the 2007 Tempe photos, the 2007-2008 conference binders, a new printer, and media/USB cards. The Louisville, Kentucky, conference photos are expected to be posted on the web site in the near future.

Mr. Stechmann thanked everyone for their consideration and support during the nominations process. He thanked Julie Haslam who volunteered her Churchill Downs derby hat for the Historian room. After the meeting, he will take a group photo of the deputy clerks council and the district representatives.

Detroit Conference Update - David Weaver

Libby Smith, Deputy Court Administrator for the Eastern District of Michigan, reported that they will host the 2009 conference in Dearborn, Michigan, at the four star Dearborn Hyatt. The hotel is approximately 13 miles from the airport and 15 miles from downtown. The conference committee is planning various events and is home to various cultural events, wineries, beaches and casinos. A short video was shown. The theme of the conference is "CHANGE, A DRIVING FORCE." After the video, fourteen volunteers sang "I want the World to Know." Ms. Smith thanked the mentors from Louisville, Kentucky.

A raffle was held and the winners of four, large baskets of various goods were: (1) Lynette Case - Idaho; (2) Debbie Boone - Florida; (3) Jennifer Ottolini - California; and (4) Joey LaMura - New York.

The raffle winner of a week's stay at the Dearborn Hyatt was Stephen Mandel, FCCA webmaster.

Debbie Boone also was the Detroit Challenge Winner, and won a baseball cap and a box of Michigan taffy.

Budget/Finance Report - John Zingo

Mr. Zingo reported on many of the items on the handout provided to all attendees, dated June 13, 2008. He referenced the Gallagher Benefits line item and how he wants to maximize their non-dues revenue of \$4,300 for next year.

Journal Report - Pat McNutt

Bill McCool reported in Pat McNutt's absence. At the Board Meeting on Sunday, June 22, the Board agreed that the winter (February 1) *Journal* will move from a color on-line issue to a color hard copy issue. The June 1 issue will continue to be on-line. The summer/fall issue

(October 1) will continue to be a hard copy and will have the pictures from the annual conference.

Site Selection Report - Rob Walker and Maria Carpenter

Ms. Carpenter recognized courts on the west and east side of the Mississippi and especially, the 2010 and 2011 sites chosen as future conference locations. She reminded everyone that Dearborn, Michigan, will host the 2009 conference.

Ms. Carpenter reported that the site for 2010 conference will be Eugene, Oregon. The dates of the conference are June 27 - July 1, 2010. The site for 2011 will be Mobile, Alabama, from July 9-16. She mentioned that an introduction notebook is available if anyone wants to review it. Mr. McCool commented on Oregon's trails, major rivers, nearby beach and the downtown area, encouraging attendance.

Nominations Report - Anne Stygles **Election of New Directors and Officers**

Ms. Stygles reported that there were no nominations for the Eight and Tenth circuits. There was a contested race in the Sixth circuit and the winner was chosen by majority vote. One nomination was received for office of Historian and no nominations were received for Treasurer. Ballots were provided to each attendee to fill it out and submit during the meeting.

Ms. Stygles opened the floor for nominations of Historian. Hearing none, Eileen Levine made a motion to close the nominations and Scott Atchue seconded. The motion carried. David Stechmann chose not to make comments.

Ms. Stygles opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Rick Tipton nominated Geneva Ashby, EDTN and Debbie Boone seconded. Geneva Ashby made a few comments on why she should be chosen.

Ms. Stygles announced the results of the election. By majority vote, John Zingo was chosen as the Treasurer and David Stechmann as Historian.

Ms. Stygles reminded the recipients listed on the Awards Committee Report to pick up their certificates outside the meeting room.

Clerk's Council Report - Karen Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell reported that the council is working on a new initiative to explore having the FCCA approved for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). At the FCCA Board Meeting on Sunday, June 22, the Board voted to move forward with the initiative and will obtain an auditor. She noted that they will look into sources to channel the funds received.

Deputy Clerk's Council Report - Jenine Wright

Ms. Wright reminded the attendees that she is selling the 2008 conference pins for \$5. She also reminded all first time attendees to pick up their free lanyards if they did not do so at the first time attendee breakfast meeting on Monday. She mentioned her committee began providing the lanyards last year.

Ms. Wright also reported on the status of the membership survey and that there were several suggestions that her committee will work on to benefit all deputy clerks. Mr. McCool will make recommendations to the committee and the committee will put those into action.

Blood for Life Report - Deenah Levine and Maria Carpenter

Ms. Levine reported on the blood for life winners this year and the list will be posted on the FCCA web site. There were 864 pints donated this year. There were 469 pints donated last year. This is the 24th reporting year and 13,061 pints have been donated to date. The winners were: (1) First Place - District of Massachusetts - 173 pints, 2nd place - Northern District of Ohio - 83 pints; and 3rd place - Southern District of New York - 81 pints. An article will be submitted in the October 1st Journal, along with the picture of the first place winner. Five members won the \$50 random drawing award: (1) James Webb - Rhode Island, (2) Ruth Kawashima - Utah; (3) Brenda Salor - Southern California; (4) Maria Stanfill - Eastern District of Tennessee; and (5) Doug Johnson - Eastern District of Tennessee. Mr. McCool will send thank you letters to all winners.

For the Good of the Order

Nothing was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.