

FCCA MEETING MINUTES
Business Meeting
Thursday, June 28, 2007 - Tempe, Arizona

The Business meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Loesch at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007, in Tempe, Arizona. Ms. Loesch declared a quorum present.

President's Report

Sheryl Loesch welcomed everyone to the Business meeting. She thanked Team Tempe, the Administrative Office, and the facilitators for a wonderful conference. On a sad note, while at the conference, Corrine and Jim Szalay were informed that their house burned down and some of their pets were lost in the fire. Also, conference attendee Debbie Odle and others were involved in a car accident and Ms. Odle was in intensive care at a nearby hospital. Ms. Loesch said the FCCA will keep track of their progress and possibly set up a collection fund. On a much happier note, it was a great pleasure to welcome back Betty Jackson, who suffered a stroke two years ago.

The FCCA registration drive is underway and applications can be submitted at any time. Ms. Loesch said the FCCA has made tremendous strides in her tenure as President and the FERS sick leave initiative is one example. She thanked Jim De La Torre for his effort getting this initiative underway.

Blood For Life Program

Deenah Levine thanked everyone who gave blood during the past year. During the past twenty-three years, 12,314 pints of blood have been donated. The court with the highest number of reported donations was the District of Columbia with 124 pints, followed by New York Southern with 92 pints, and the District of Utah with 88 pints. Winners of the \$50 random draw of all donors were: Mark Coates, Cris Beeman, Michael Guranich, Marlin Miller and Lincoln Sorrell. Cris Beeman's name was drawn twice and she generously donated her second prize so that someone else would win one of the five prizes.

Treasurer's Report

John Zingo presented a report on the income and expenses for the last seven quarters, beginning with October 2005, and ending with April 2007. He also submitted a statement of receipts and disbursements for April 1, 2007 through June 21, 2007. Thanks to the efforts of Cheryl Sweat, the total funds on deposit are in great shape. Also, the funds invested into money market accounts are earning very good interest. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Carol Fitzgerald Scholarship program as those funds were largely unused last year.

Clerk's Council Report

Sheryl Loesch gave a report on behalf of Karen Mitchell who was unable to attend. The Council has been very active with a number of projects. The Clerk's mentor program is continuing to run strong and provide support to new Clerks of Court. The Council is very actively involved in the FERS sick leave initiative. They are also working with the Deputy Clerk's Council to prepare the survey results for publication. The Council also presents a plaque from the FCCA to every Clerk and Chief Deputy upon retirement.

Deputy Clerk's Council Report

Jenine Wright recognized her Executive Board members who were present: Rob Walker (4th Circuit), Rhonda Lafitte (5th Circuit), Karen Brickner (7th Circuit), Steve Mandel (11th Circuit), Cassandra Smith (National Circuit), and Cris Beeman (Past Chair). The 2007 Conference pins are available for purchase for \$5.00 as a fund-raiser for the FCCA. The results of the survey will soon be published in the Journal.

Historian Report

David Stechmann thanked everyone who visited the Historian Room. Digital photos from the 2004, 2005, and 2006 annual conferences are available for viewing. Also new this year is the 2006 Boston conference binder and memorabilia, the 2007 Las Vegas mid-year conference photos, and earlier Journals donated by Jane Bauer. Of special interest, 20 years ago, the 1987 Conference was held in Hawaii and the keynote speaker was Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, then First Lady of Arkansas. Anyone wishing to view the 2007 conference photos may visit the FCCA's web site shortly after the conference.

Awards Report

Sue Rigan recognized the Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and District Representatives in attendance. Trophy awards were presented to the departing Officers. Sheryl Loesch presented certificates and pins to the departing Board Members. Ms. Loesch also presented certificates and pins to those who have been members of the FCCA for 25 years. A special certificate of recognition was presented to Steven Mandel and Don Miller for their work on the ListServ. Ms. Loesch gave a special acknowledgment and thanks to the District Representatives for their hard work.

Membership Committee Report

Sheryl Loesch presented the Membership Committee report on behalf of Pam Twiford who was unable to attend the conference. There were 1227 members to date, consisting of 55 Unit Executives, 63 Chief Deputies, and 1109 Deputy Clerks. The membership drive materials for 2008 were mailed in May. The dues have returned to \$20 for Deputy Clerks, \$50 for Chief

deputies and \$75 for Clerks. The Committee is working on a list of the top ten frequently asked membership questions to send to all Circuit Representatives for distribution. They are also working on new membership cards.

Nominations Committee Report

Anne Stygles reported there were two national officers eligible for election. Nominations were received for Jim Larsen for President-Elect and Sue Rigan for Secretary. Nominations were also received for Circuit Directors Michael Nagy, Ninth Circuit, and Nancy Gilman, Eleventh Circuit. No nominees were received for the First, Third, Fifth and Seventh Circuits and those positions will be appointed by Bill McCool. Jim Larsen and Sue Rigan addressed the group before nominations were closed. There were no nominations from the floor. By acclamation, Mr. Larsen and Ms. Rigan were elected to their respective positions.

Team Louisville Report

Jeff Apperson thanked Team Tempe and all past conference hosts for their support. The dates for the Conference will be June 22 - 26, 2008. He introduced the members of Team Louisville: Brenda Steutermann, Michelle Goetzinger, Nadine Smith, Celia Furlong and Trish Carter. The team will work with members of the AO and others to assure an excellent educational program. The motto for the 2008 Annual Conference is Racing for Greatness. The conference will involve other countries and be bilingual.

Mr. Apperson said the Hotel facility, the Galt House, is very large and accommodating. Churchill Downs has been reserved for one of the evening events. A tourism CD of Louisville was played for everyone to enjoy. A fund-raising raffle was held. Winners were Jess Nelson, Pat McNutt, Sue Imbriani, Dee Seksnel, and the Grand Prize of five nights in a Deluxe Suite at the Galt House during the conference was won by Shawn Knox.

President's Closing Remarks

Sheryl Loesch invited Betty Jackson to address the group. Ms. Jackson thanked everyone for their support during her recovery. She said our thoughts and prayers gave her great strength and clearly helped her. To show her appreciation, she purchased two large cakes, representing the sweetness of life, for all to enjoy.

A special presentation was made by Rick Weare and Team Tempe to David Stechmann for his heroic efforts at commandeering a tour bus that went out of control.

Ms. Loesch thanked Team Tempe for an excellent conference. She also thanked the Board for their support during her tenure as President. She is looking forward to the leadership of Bill McCool and Jim Larsen. She also thanked Sandy Howes and her entire staff for assisting her with various FCCA activities.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Rigan
FCCA Secretary