

FCCA MINUTES
Board Meeting Teleconference Call
Tuesday, November 8, 2005 - 11:00 a.m. ET

The meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Loesch. Members present were: Sheryl Loesch, President; Bill McCool, President-Elect; Sue Rigan, Secretary; John Zingo Treasurer, David Stechmann, Historian; Circuit Representatives: Ginny Hurley, First Circuit; Maria Carpenter, Second Circuit; Bob Barth, Third Circuit; Betsy Paret, Fourth Circuit; Jeanne Henderson, Fifth Circuit; Cheryl Sweat, Sixth Circuit; Peggy Guernsey, Seventh Circuit; Peter Tagliaferri, Ninth Circuit; Ralph DeLoach, Tenth Circuit; Yvonne Goodloe, Eleventh Circuit. Committee Chairs: Karen Mitchell, Clerk's Council; Jenine Wright, Deputy Clerk's Council.

Chicago Annual Conference Report

Sheryl Loesch reported the Conference teams needed extra time to wrap up the financial obligations of the annual conference. However, once all the bills were paid, the conference made a profit of \$13,128.40, to be split equally between FCCA and NCBC, or \$6,564.20 for each organization. Ms. Loesch further reported receiving a request for \$750.00 to fund a recognition ceremony for Team Chicago for their hard work putting the conference together. Several members noted such a request had never before been granted. The Host Court receives a framed certificate and each conference team member receives a certificate of gratitude. Concern was raised that granting such a request would set a precedent that could be difficult to follow, and could possibly create a financial hardship in the event a conference did not make a profit. Following a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request for funding.

John Zingo noted all seed money given in advance of a conference should be repaid in the same manner as any other financial obligation, prior to determining any profit. He said this should be clearly spelled out in the conference hand book to avoid any misunderstanding. Ginny Hurley reported Team Boston will not be asking for any seed money.

New Committee - Special Projects

Sheryl Loesch announced Jim Murphy has agreed to assist the Board by chairing a new committee on Special Projects. She said Mr. Murphy is going to spearhead an effort to review and evaluate a number of insurance plans that our Board may decide to make available to our membership. He has already gone to great lengths researching policies and plans not otherwise offered by the AO, including dental and vision plans. Bill McCool added that such plans could offer our members additional options at better rates, while at the same time help to raise revenue and FCCA membership. He said Mr. Murphy would present a detailed proposal to the Board at the mid-year meeting in January, if the Board desires. Yvonne Goodloe agreed it would be a good idea for the Board to explore this idea as a way of raising revenue and attracting new members.

Mr. McCool made a motion to fund Mr. Murphy's attendance at the mid-year Board meeting, which would include reimbursing him for airfare and one night's hotel costs. Yvonne Goodloe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other Business

Jenine Wright asked for ideas on how to best utilize the percentage of Deputy Clerk's Council funds approved by the new by-law amendment. Bill McCool reported the Clerk's Council funds were largely spent on travel to conferences of interest to the FCCA and Clerk's Council members. John Zingo suggested using the money toward fundraising projects, to avoid frequent requests to the Board for funds. Ms. Wright said she is open to all suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Rigan
FCCA Secretary