

FCCA MEETING MINUTES
Business Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 2005 - Chicago, Illinois

The Business meeting was called to order by President Jeff Apperson at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2005, in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Apperson declared a quorum present. A moment of silence was held on behalf of those killed or wounded in the terrorist bombing attacks in London, England earlier in the day.

President's Report

Jeff Apperson welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting. He thanked Team Chicago for hosting the conference and having an outstanding educational and social agenda.

Mr. Apperson reviewed the FCCA's accomplishments during his term as President. Those include: addressing the interim spending plan which originally called for a more dramatic reduction in court staff; helping to increase the budget allocation to district courts; assisting the Administrative Office in identifying inequities in the work measurement formula; addressing the FERS sick leave balance and carry-over leave restrictions; publishing the availability of the NCBC plan to help members get affordable vision and dental insurance; facilitating a study of consolidating ECF services; dramatically improving the FCCA's web site, thanks in large part to Linda Wade's assistance; implementing the Michigan State University Judicial Administration educational program and incorporating it into the FCCA's annual conferences, thanks in large part to the efforts of Joe Haas and many others; establishing the International Association of Court Administration, which will have long lasting and world-wide ramifications; and improving the FCCA Journal, including its immediate and far-reaching accessibility on the web site, thanks to Pat McNutt.

Mr. Apperson noted he would not submit a request for reimbursement of his travel to future Board meetings as a partial repayment for the funds allocated by the FCCA for the International Conference.

Blood For Life Program

Jane Bauer reported 857 units of blood were donated and everyone who donated will receive a certificate. Most notably, Arianna Estaral had the most donations by an individual (11 pints), and the District of Massachusetts had the most donations by district (247 pints). The following donors were drawn at random to receive \$50 each: Chris Kargel, District of Massachusetts; Teresa Salazar, District of Columbia; Jenine Wright, District of Kansas; Marlin Miller, District of Kansas; and Kathy Bartholomew, District of Oregon.

A total of 10,304 pints have been donated since 1985. Mr. Apperson noted the Blood for Life Program is a very important public service and the FCCA is proud to sponsor the program.

Treasurer's Report

John Zingo provided two reports, the 2005 Budget and the 2005 Expense Report. He reported we exceeded our advertising revenue expectations and we continue to raise money through the sale of duffle bags and other souvenirs. In order to conserve funds, he reported the Board voted to cut expenses by funding only one-night's stay at the mid-year meeting and by printing and mailing only one Journal after the annual conference. He said by reducing expenses, there will be more money available to give back to members in the form of scholarships and other opportunities. He encouraged everyone to get the word out to members that scholarships are available.

Clerk's Council Report

Bill McCool reported his term will expire at the end of this conference. The new Chair will be Karen Mitchell, Clerk, District of Northern Texas, who currently is a member of the Council. He summarized the Council's activities during the past year, including meetings in August and October, one of which was held in Atlanta and had 77 Clerks in attendance. He reported there are five new mentor Clerks for new Clerks of Court. His committee has greatly improved the communication of Clerk's positions on issues being addressed by the Judicial Conference, including preservation and enhancement of employees' compensation. He worked with Sheryl Loesch, Jim Murphy and Ralph DeLoach on a response to a study that called for the reduction of work space. The Council worked on a number of staffing and budget issues, including suggestions to cut courts' operating expenses such as rent rather than staff and salaries.

Mr. McCool thanked Jeff Apperson for his involvement and support of the Council. Mr. Apperson thanked Mr. McCool for the Council's dedicated work.

Deputy Clerk's Council Report

Cris Beeman reported her term will expire at the end of this conference, after having served four years as Chair. Jenine Wright, Jury Administrator, District of Kansas, will be the new Chair. Ms. Beeman reported the Council is selling conference pins for 2003, 2004, and 2005, along with and FCCA lanyards and duffle bags. She suggested attendees purchase extra gifts to use in local membership drives as raffles or incentives to join. She also reported the Chief Deputy mentor program continues with success. Ms. Beeman encouraged Deputy Clerks to become active in the Council by voicing their opinions to their Circuit Representatives, Board Members and Council members; and by attending Board meetings and participating in discussions.

Historian's Report

David Stechmann reported the Traveling Memorabilia and Mementos Exhibit Room is open and he invited everyone to stop by and sign in. Printed digital photos from past conferences are in the room and available for viewing, along with many mementoes from years past. He thanked Judy Shelton for organizing the Historian for a Day program again this year. He researched past Chicago conferences and shared some interesting information about conferences held in 1931, 1946 and 1950. He thanked Ken Gardner and Mike Dobbins for making it possible to show the 2005 Chicago

conference photos as a daily slide show. Following the conference, anyone wishing to view the 2005 photos may view them on the FCCA web site.

Awards Report

Jeff Apperson and Sue Rigan gave a joint presentation. Mr. Apperson presented gifts to the departing Immediate Past- President Joe Haas, and to the two departing Council Chairs, Bill McCool and Cris Beeman. There were two recipients of the Dwight D. Opperman Public Service Awards, Rhonda Aiudi and Debi Boone, each of whom will receive a plaque and a check in the amount of \$1500. Pam Twiford, Pat McNutt and Sue Rigan each received an award for Special Service. Mr. Apperson also recognized all first-time attendees along with the District Representatives in attendance; the attendees who have 25 years of FCCA service; and the members of Team Chicago. Sue Rigan recognized the current Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs. Ms. Rigan encouraged all members to get involved by joining a committee and staying in contact with their Circuit Representatives.

2006 Boston Conference Report

Mary (Chickie) Cummings and Ginny Hurley reported the date of the conference will be July 16 - 20, 2006, and it will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Boston. Their court has raised over \$6000 thus far to help offset costs. They have an exciting educational and social agenda in the works and they anticipate a full schedule of events. Boston has a rich history and is a wonderful place to bring family and friends for vacation while attending the conference. Plus, the hotel is located within a short walk of many area attractions. Ms. Hurley showed a video of Boston that will also be available for viewing on the FCCA's web site at the conclusion of this conference.

Nominations Report and Elections

Anne Stygles presented the report of the Nominations Committee. She reported that two nominations were received for President-Elect, Bill McCool and Jim Murphy, and one nomination was received for Secretary, Sue Rigan, along with four proposed changes to the by-laws. Absentee ballots were received and sealed. This year, the odd-numbered Circuit Board Representatives are selected. They include Ginny Hurley - First Circuit and Yvonne Goodloe - Eleventh Circuit. There were no nominations received for the Third, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits and those positions will be appointed by Sheryl Loesch.

Jeff Apperson reported the nominations for President-Elect were open. He asked whether there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried. The nominations for President-Elect were closed. Mr. Apperson reported the nominations for Secretary were open. He asked whether there were any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion to close the nominations was made and seconded. The motion carried. With only one nomination for Secretary, no written election was needed for that office. Sue Rigan agreed to serve and thanked everyone for the support. Candidates Bill McCool and Jim Murphy each were allowed to give

remarks about their qualifications and their vision for the FCCA's future. Following the written election, Bill McCool was voted President-Elect. In addition, all proposed by-law amendments were passed.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Apperson thanked everyone for attending the conference and all those who gave their support during his term of office. Sheryl Loesch announced the formation of a new committee, the Conference Advisory Committee, to be Chaired by Robin Tabora, Chief Deputy, DC Circuit. She further announced the following people have agreed to serve as Circuit Representatives: Third Circuit - Robert Barth, Clerk, Western District of Pennsylvania; Fifth Circuit - Jeanne Henderson, Chief Deputy, Eastern District of Texas; Seventh Circuit - Peggy Guernsey, Chief Deputy, Northern District of Indiana; Ninth Circuit - Peter Tagliaferri, Relief Courtroom Deputy, Southern District of California. The above appointments will take effect at the close of the conference.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Rigan
FCCA Secretary