

FCCA MINUTES
Teleconference Board Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2006 - 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

The meeting was called to order by President Sheryl Loesch on Monday, August 7, 2006, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Those present: Sheryl Loesch, President; Bill McCool, President-Elect; Jeff Apperson, Immediate Past President; Sue Rigan, Secretary; John Zingo, Treasurer; David Stechmann, Historian. Circuit Representatives: Ginny Hurley, First Circuit; Rob Walker, Fourth Circuit; Cheryl Sweat, Sixth Circuit; Peggy Guernsey, Seventh Circuit; Peter Tagliaferri, Ninth Circuit; Ralph DeLoach, Tenth Circuit; Yvonne Goodloe, Eleventh Circuit; Robin Tabora, Washington DC Federal Courts. Committee Chairs: Jenine Wright, Deputy Clerk's Council; Pam Twiford, Membership; Pat McNutt, Journal Editor; and, Jim Murphy, Special Projects.

Upcoming Membership Drive

The current membership year ends June 30, 2007. Sheryl Loesch questioned when we should begin the next membership drive. Some members felt the next drive should begin in January 2007, while others thought it should begin after the next annual conference. It was generally agreed to start the next membership drive after next year's annual conference. John Zingo suggested conference information include a requirement that all registered attendees either have to be members or pay a higher registration fee.

Several members asked whether the current membership year could be pro-rated for just one time, due to the unique membership year. Some members reported complaints about the cost, while others thought pro-rating the membership year could be confusing and difficult to administer. Robin Tabora suggested adding the question to the survey she is preparing for posting on Survey Monkey, if the Board approves. Ms. Loesch asked whether there were any objections to the \$19.00 expense of posting the survey. There were none. Once completed, the survey will be posted for thirty days. Ms. Tabora will report the results to the Board as soon as they are tabulated.

Location of the 2007 Mid-Year Meeting

Sheryl Loesch reported learning that the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, the site of the 2007 annual conference, is sold out for the Martin Luther King's Day weekend. Other dates may be available, but the cost could be as high as \$200 per night. Ms. Loesch researched hotel costs in Florida and found a nice hotel in St. Augustine, Florida with a reasonable government rate for the same weekend. Ms. Loesch said she would also contact Lance Wilson, Clerk of Court in Nevada to see if he would be willing to host a midyear conference in Las Vegas during that weekend. She will report back to the Board via e-mail once she learns Mr. Wilson's response.

Other Matters

Jenine Wright questioned whether the conference workshops could be videotaped and shared with those who were unable to attend. It was generally agreed that while the concept is commendable, the cost would be too great.

David Stechmann reported one Historian Room box was damaged during shipment, resulting in broken glass and other damage. He is currently working on getting reimbursement from UPS. Additionally, he said photos from the conference soon will be available on the web site, but some older conference photos may have to be removed. He found a web site, Snap Fish, where he can post the old conference photos and anyone can purchase copies.

Jim Murphy reported he has scheduled a meeting with Jim De La Torre to start developing the insurance program agreement. As soon as it is ready, he'll present it to the Board for review.

FCCA Code of Conduct

It was brought to the Board's attention that a code of conduct should be added to the FCCA bylaws, similar to that which is required of Federal employees. The code of conduct would apply to FCCA members and their guests while attending any FCCA function. Those who violate the code could be subject to having their membership revoked and be asked to leave the FCCA function. Ms. Loesch will ask Bob Heinemann to draft an amendment to the bylaws adding a code of conduct and consequences for non-compliance.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Rigan,
Secretary