

MINUTES OF 11/5/15 WC COUNCIL MEETING

Chris Rabideau called the meeting to order at 9:00. Your secretary missed the roll call due to technical difficulties, but I believe those present via phone or Fuze were council members Bava, Brown, Chizick, Conklin, Esper, Flynn, Frame, Kirschner, Parker and Westgate. Also present were Jack Wheatley, Lisa Klaeren and Mark Long. Please correct me if I missed anyone.

The minutes of the 9/11/15 meeting were adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dennis Flynn reported that he was still awaiting Sept-Oct financial reports but that our balance was over \$75,000 per the draft Sept report. His report adopted unanimously.

WINTER MEETING

Phil Frame reported on final plans for the Winter meeting. Doug Klein is the guest with Marty Critchell to provide an appellate update. Discussion was held re: gifts for speakers. Chris Rabideau agreed to contact the State Bar re: limits. \$25 gift cards seemed most likely. It was agreed to invite the speakers to the WC Council luncheon following the Winter meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Long reported that computer plans are going forward and that the Agency is seeking a new vendor. The goal is to adapt a system from another state, Maine being a likely candidate due to similarities in our laws etc. Mark reported on the redemption review process. Most reviews involve technical issues which are handled by staff then approved by Mark.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S REPORT

Lisa Klaeren reported on the Delphi cases finally being able to progress. She was to schedule a CD in Okemos in all pending Delhi cases. She advised that a magistrate's meeting will likely not happen until after Jan 1.

MCAC REPORT

Jack Wheatley advised that Rachel Lipinski is the new commissioner. Jack reported that through 7/31/15, 12 opinions were issued. From 8/1/15-10/30/15, he expected another 7 opinions.

SECTION MEMBER SURVEY

Jayson Chizick reported that his call to the State Bar re: conducting the survey was not returned. He reported on his efforts to find a vendor to conduct the survey at a reasonable price. Chris R. noted that the State Bar does surveys for other sections, and said that he would check that out, with the plan being to send out the survey within a week. Jayson agreed to collate all information received for the Winter meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jayson Chizick reported that there was nothing new on the web page. Chris R. reported that he wrote a letter to Sander Levin on the House Ways & Means Committee after securing approval from the State Bar.

2016 SUMMER MEETING

Chris R and Ella Parker were reviewing the contract and would send it for approval within a week. The plan was to reserve 40 rooms for Thurs, 20 for Fri, with 70 attendees for the reception & dinner on Thurs. Chris R is seeking ideas for speakers at the Summer meeting.

HALL OF FAME

Discussion was held re: the revised eligibility rules instituted last year. Ella Parker moved to table the discussion until the Dec meeting; Andrea Hamm seconded, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held re: Lisa Klaeren's comments on attorney civility at the Sept meeting. Given the headaches attendant upon mandatory attendance at scheduling conferences, Lisa agreed that civility is a two way street and must be shown by magistrates as well.

Jayson Chizick raised a problem with CMS vendors not addressing Medicare Part D issues. Chris R suggested that Jayson ask Doug Klein to address the issue at the Winter meeting.

Jayson Chizick moved to adjourn, seconded by Rosa Bava, and passed unanimously.

Submitted 12/3/15

Tim Esper

Secretary