

Association of Corporate Counsel
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 2006

The Board of Directors of the La. Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met at the offices of Pellerin Milnor on November 8, 2006.

President Jim Moran called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Jim Moran, Franck Labiche, Ray Munna, Joni Johnson, Tommy Lind and Randy Sutton.

Jim asked for volunteers to chair and serve on the Nominating Committee. Franck Labiche offered to serve as Chairman and Ray Munna and Tommy Lind volunteered to serve as members.

A general discussion ensued concerning efforts to obtain members from Entergy. Jim Merklinger from ACC National has said he would come to New Orleans if we can get an appointment with Entergy's General Counsel. Jim Moran will follow up.

Since the ACC Annual Meeting has historically occurred in October of every year, Jim proposed having the election of officers for the Chapter for 2008 at the September CLE meeting in 2007, schedule subsequent years' elections accordingly, and to have the Chapter pay for the Chapter President Elect's attendance at the ACC Annual Meeting each year. Joni Johnson moved to adopt Jim's suggestion. The motion was seconded by Randy Sutton and unanimously adopted.

Jim directed a discussion of future Chapter CLE seminars and suggested that a course devoted to legal research on materials available on the ACC website might be a good topic. Ray Munna volunteered to Chair the Program Committee which shall recommend various CLE topics to the Board for the coming year. Efforts will be made to also enlist non Board members for this Committee.

The consensus was that there would be a minimum of four 2007 seminars which would be in February or March, May or June, September, in conjunction with Loyola Law School, and November. The goal is to have enough CLE such that members can fulfill all their MCLE requirements through Chapter presentations. Jim suggested that a seminar plus a tour of facilities like Avondale or Michoud might be appealing to the members and agreed to send an email canvassing the membership to gauge their interest. Joni thought that a visit to Michoud might be something worthwhile for a family day if it would be available on a weekend.

Jim proposed some new committees; namely Social, Government Affairs and Pro Bono. Joni agreed to Chair the Social committee. Jim said that he would speak to Tom Fierke about chairing a government affairs committee. The consensus was that the idea of a Pro

Bono committee would be put on hold until we see if the Chapter could induce the Entergy law department to join ACC.

In regard to social events, Jim advised that Jim McGrew had not yet settled on a restaurant for the Christmas luncheon. All agreed that an Emeril restaurant was fine. The Pelican Club was suggested by Tommy Lind as a possible venue for the December meeting. Franck Labiche advised that he was still waiting for a commitment from a sponsor with regard to hosting an ACC La. Chapter social event for a Hornets game. Jim suggested that the Chapter consider a day at the Fairgrounds races or an event at a Louisiana winery.

The Chapter website was discussed. It was agreed that pictures of events, the history of the Chapter, the By-Laws, and Board minutes would be appropriate for posting. It was suggested that a roster of Chapter members be added, which has to be cleared with ACC National as to what information can be published. ACC's approval would have to be obtained for a printed (or pdf) of such a roster to be sent out to members.

Adding a list serve for La. Chapter members to contact other members on matters of interest was suggested. Jim will send out an email to see if there would be enough participation.

The attendees agreed that it would be a good idea to send hard copy invitations to prospective members for at least the first of the 2007 CLE meetings. If it proves to get non member participation, then it would continue.

Jim asked if anyone had a contact at the Times Picayune who could help get our events publicized in the newspaper since we need publicity to get interest from non members. Unfortunately, no one had a contact.

Jim suggested that we need to plan for a year in advance so if/when the Chapter solicits sponsorships from law firms for 2008, we will be able to list the benefits of Sponsorship by listing the events. We will try to plan for 2007 with that in mind.

If/when we have Sponsorships it would enable the Chapter to commit proceeds to worthwhile projects such as donations to a Louisiana law school for a scholarship. The matter of what to do with proceeds was tabled for further discussion if/when such sponsorships are a reality.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy J. Sutton
Secretary

