

Association of Corporate Counsel
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
March 22, 2007

The Board of Directors of the La. Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met at the offices of Pellerin Milnor on March 22, 2007.

President Jim Moran called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Jim Moran, Franck Labiche, Ray Munna, Joni Johnson, Brandt Lorio, Dan Schwarzenbach and Randy Sutton.

The Board first reviewed the contents of the Chapter website. Jim asked for any suggestions as to additional information to post. Members should be encouraged to routinely visit the site for Chapter updates. Jim will suggest that in his next email.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented and approved. It was noted that the report did not include several hundred dollars in receipts from the March 16, 2007 CLE luncheon seminar.

Jim asked for a volunteer to chair the nominating committee. Franck Labiche volunteered. Jim suggested that someone from outside the Board be invited by Franck to join the committee.

The Board discussed the prior meeting's Board action which authorized the Chapter to pay the Incoming Chapter President's tuition to the ACC Annual Meeting. Brandt Lorio suggested that the Board modify the authorization to allow, as an alternative to paying tuition, payment of any ACC Annual Meeting expenses, such as travel, up to the amount of the Meeting tuition. Brandt noted that some companies would pay for tuition for CLE but not expenses. The Board was agreeable to that proposal; however, it was later recognized that the incoming president would not be known until after the termination of the early discount period for payment of the Annual Meeting tuition. Accordingly, Jim said that he would check with the ACC to determine if the Chapter could register a member from the Chapter on a "to be determined" basis, and that attendance at the annual meeting would be offered first to the incoming President, and if he was unable to attend, then to another officer or Board member.

Jim asked that Franck speak to the La. Bar Assn. to determine if a seminar on using the ACC website would qualify for La. CLE credits. Joni suggested that it be coupled with an hour presentation from Westlaw.

The September seminar was discussed and Jim advised that September 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 25 and 28 were open dates at the World Trade Center (Plimsol Club), which could offer the Chapter its Galvez Room for a \$30/person lunch.

Ray Munna suggested that Professor Dane Ciolino from Loyola Law School be asked to speak on ethical billing practices at the September seminar.

Jim suggested that the fee for non-ACC members be raised from \$35 to \$45 at Chapter seminars, except for non-lawyer employees of companies that had Chapter members, such as financial or risk management personnel, who would be allowed to attend appropriate CLE seminars at Chapter member rates. The Board approved this suggestion.

The Board discussed the possible sale of Chapter sponsorships to lawfirms and looked at the model sponsorship programs implemented by the Baltimore and Central Pennsylvania Chapters. Joni agreed to circulate a roster of benefits for Gold and Silver level sponsorships for consideration by the Board for implementation in 2008.

The Board discussed and approved the following tentative dates and topics for upcoming events:

June 15, 2007 – CLE Luncheon – Suggested topic: Basic Concepts of Accounting and Finance for In House Counsel. Suggested speakers: KPMG Forensic or Ernst & Young.

September 28, 2007 – All Day CLE with Loyola: Suggested topics:

1. Electronic Commerce (web issues, trademark issues);
2. Policing corporate intellectual property;
3. Antitrust or Corporate Amnesty issues (a DOJ attorney was suggested to give this topic);
4. Labor issues (employee handbook updating, separation agreements);
5. Professionalism and Ethics (see comments re Dane Ciolino above);
6. Legislative update (Tom Fierke may have a contact for this. Someone suggested Shirley Bowler as the speaker. Also Jimmy Berlin, a lobbyist was suggested by Dan who will follow up with him.);
7. Risk Management and Insurance issues; and
8. Corporate tax benefits/incentives (new market tax credits).

It was decided that Topics 4 through 8 would be penciled in for this seminar with Labor topics taking 1.5 hours.

November 16, 2007 – Privacy issues in the workplace (employee disclosures and background checks, among other topics)

December 14, 2007 – Christmas luncheon. Brandt will check on restaurant availability. La Cote Brasserie was suggested.

Possible social events were then discussed. Jim said that he would ask Lemle, Kelleher if they would like to sponsor a wine tasting event again in the Fall, probably October.

Joni said that she would check on the cost of Hornets tickets and use of the party room at

the New Orleans Arena for a possible Chapter social event.

Jim mentioned that he would develop a roster of current members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy J. Sutton, Secretary