

Association of Corporate Counsel
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
April 17, 2008

The Board of Directors of the La. Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met at the offices of Laitram Corporation on April 17, 2008.

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

Joni asked that the Board approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting, which was done by acclamation without objection.

Franck presented the Treasurer's report, showing a bank balance as of April 17, 2008 of \$20,672.79.

Old Business

The success of the April 4th CLE hosted by Adams & Reese was discussed. It was stated by one of the board members that this was the best ethics seminar that he had attended. Jose Corrada of Peoples Health approached Joni at the CLE and stated he would like to become more active in the organization. Joni announced no new members have signed up since the CLE.

New Business

Bylaws. Joni then asked the Board to review on the Chapter By-Laws. Jim Merklinger had approved the changes to the Chapter By-Laws as discussed in the January 17, 2008 meeting. Jim pointed out that one change that had been approved by the Board had not been added to the final version Chapter By-Laws. Joni asked that the Board approve the Chapter Bylaws as amended, which was done by acclamation without objection. Joni will send the final version to the Board, Jim for posting on the website and National.

Sponsorship. The group discussed and unanimously voted to approve the *2008 Preferred Sponsorship Opportunities with Association of Corporate Counsel – Louisiana Chapter* form and rates as amended to change all references to 2008 to 2009. Dan drafted and introduced a cover letter that would accompany the *2009 Preferred Sponsorship Opportunities with Association of Corporate Counsel – Louisiana Chapter*. This was reviewed, suggested changes were made and Dan agreed to make changes and email it to the Board. The group discussed and unanimously consented to send the mailer out on June 1, 2008. The mailing list will be generated by Dan and sent to the Board members to see if we need to add additional law firms to the list. Dan also agreed to look into the cost of envelopes. The Board agreed to review the *Sponsorship General Guidelines and Rules of Conduct* and make suggested changes to the document via email.

Summer CLE. Brandt volunteered to work with his contact to organize a summer CLE on Ediscovery.

Fall CLE/Annual Meeting/All Day CLE. Judith Copping volunteered Lemle for the annual wine tasting. Joni suggested that we have the wine tasting on the Thursday before the Annual Meeting/All Day CLE. She suggested that this may lure non-New Orleans ACC members to the function as they could possibly get a room and cover both events. Brandt thought this was a good idea. It was voted on and approved provided we could work out logistics. Franck was going to see if Lana could work the Annual Meeting/All Day CLE on October 3rd which is the date Lemle had given us to host a Luncheon CLE with Mr. Forrester. However, if that date does not work, Ray volunteered to talk to his contact at Lemle as they have volunteered for our Fall Wine Tasting and Mr. Forrester at Lemle agreed to a Fall CLE luncheon on October 3. Ray was going to see if they were willing to do both or would prefer to only do the Wine Tasting. If they only want to do the Wine Tasting, then we need to brainstorm on Fall CLE sponsor.

Once Franck gets available dates from Lana, Joni will contact Judith to see if she can book the Wine Tasting on the corresponding Thursday. Brandt and Franck volunteered to check on room rates once we pick a date.

Christmas Luncheon. The location of the 2008 Christmas Luncheon was discussed. Brandt recommended Commander's Palace. It was voted on and unanimously approved that we would contact Commander's Palace and set a date in December for the Christmas Luncheon. Brandt volunteered to contact Commander's Palace,

Suite at Superdome or Arena. Joni is working with a contact to attempt to get a suite at the superdome or arena for an upcoming ACC event. Brandt also stated he may have a contact who might loan us a suite. We hope to have more to report shortly.

Entergy Update. Jim advised the Board of the luncheon meeting that was arranged with the General Counsel of Entergy. It was held at Allegros. In attendance was Jim Merklinger from National, Joni Johnson, Jim Moran and Bob Sloan, General Counsel for Entergy. Although he expressed some interest, we have not heard from him since that time. Joni advised she would continue to stay in contact with him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni A. Johnson
President