

Association of Corporate Counsel
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2008

The Board of Directors of the La. Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met at the offices of Laitram Corporation on October 9, 2008.

President Joni Johnson called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were, Joni Johnson, Franck Labiche, Jim Moran, Ray Munna, Brandt Lorio, Ed Giering (by telephone) and Randy Sutton.

Joni asked that the Board approve the minutes of the August 5, 2008 meeting. Upon motion by Franck Labiche, seconded by Brandt Lorio, the Board approved the minutes unanimously.

Franck then presented the Treasurer's report, showing a bank balance as of October 3, 2008 of \$23,710.10. Franck said that the Chapter could expect @ \$11k from law firm sponsorships and @\$2k from the recent all day seminar conducted in association with Loyola.

Joni reviewed the old business, specifically the wine tasting sponsored by Lemle, Kelleher at the Savvy Gourmet on Magazine St. and the Loyola CLE at the World Trade Center. Both events were reported as successes, but attendance at both suffered due to bad weather.

The upcoming ACC Annual Meeting in Seattle was discussed. Joni advised that she would not be able to attend. It was reported that Chapter Vice President Dan Schwarzenbach was going to attend. Ray Munna moved and Franck Labiche seconded a motion as follows:

Resolved that the ACC La. Chapter will pay the tuition for its Incoming President to attend the ACC Annual Meeting or, in the event that the Incoming President cannot attend, the Chapter will pay the tuition for the Vice President, or if the Vice President cannot attend, the Chapter will pay the tuition of a Chapter Board Member to represent the Chapter at the Meeting.

The Resolution was passed unanimously by the Board.

Ed Giering then presented the Baton Rouge committee report. Ed said that an insider at the La. Bar Assn. had indicated a willingness to provide the Chapter with the names of La. Bar members who are in-house counsel, so that the Chapter may contact them about possible membership in the ACC.

Ed also said that in his discussions with the Bar Assn., the possible creation of a corporate counsel section within the Bar Assn. was discussed. Jim Moran was of the opinion, to which Ed concurred, that the Chapter should discourage that because it would constitute unwanted competition for the Chapter.

Ed further advised that the Baton Rouge Bar Assn. was compiling a list of in-house counsel and that he would cold-call these lawyers to extend an invitation to join the La. Chapter of ACC.

The 2009 event calendar was then discussed.

Brandt suggested that Silver Sponsor and Baton Rouge lawfirm, Kean-Miller host its proposed CLE event in Baton Rouge sometime before the Chapter's annual meeting and all-day CLE so that the New Orleans members could have a chance to meet the Baton Rouge-Lafayette in-house lawyers and invite them to become active members of the Chapter.

After further discussion, the following 2009 tentative calendar was agreed upon:

1st Quarter: CLE, **February** (To be sponsored Phelps).

Spring Social Event: **March or April** (Will ask sponsors Galloway and Jackson Lewis for suggestions and pick the best one).

2nd Quarter: CLE, 1st week in **May**, perhaps a Friday during Jazz Fest. (To be sponsored by Ogletree & Deakins).

3rd Quarter: CLE, **July or August** in Baton Rouge. (To be sponsored by Kean Miller).

4th Quarter: **Late Sept. or early October**—Wine tasting (sponsor TBD, either Galloway or Jackson Lewis whichever firm didn't sponsor the Spring Social), followed the day after by the Annual Meeting CLE in association with Loyola (Fisher & Phillips and Deutsch, as Premier Sponsors, will sponsor the Lunch at the Annual Meeting).

Holiday Luncheon: **December** (To be sponsored by Fisher & Phillips or Deutsch whichever firm didn't sponsor the lunch at the Annual Meeting).

It was agreed that Dan should contact the sponsoring firms to discuss these tentative sponsorships and dates.

Joni then initiated a discussion concerning whether the Chapter should charge a minimum fee to members and a larger fee for non-members to attend Chapter luncheon CLE events. Ray suggested \$10 for members and \$40 for non-members. Jim moved and Brandt seconded a motion to approve those fees for 2009 luncheon CLE events. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

It was also agreed that Franck would discuss with Loyola a change in fee structure to

\$200 for members and \$300 for non-members to attend the all-day CLE.

Joni advised that she would confirm the Chapter's reservation for the Holiday luncheon at Commanders Palace on December 12th.

Joni then led a discussion of new member development. She advised that one person from Entergy had attended the wine tasting. Franck said that he had invited the GC at Smoothie King to the upcoming November CLE event. Joni said that the Chapter should consider placing a Chapter ad in the La. Bar Journal. She will inquire as to the price.

Joni then presented the Vice President's report. Dan's report advised that he had sent invoices to the 2009 sponsors and that he was planning to attend the Chapter Development event in Seattle at the ACC Annual Meeting.

Jim reminded the Board that the Chapter must put sponsor links on the Chapter website and an ad for the premiere and gold sponsors in the Chapter Member Directory. A discussion was had concerning the form of the member directory. Brandt suggested that the directory could be sent electronically instead of a hard copy mailing. The Board was receptive to that suggestion.

Joni then led a discussion as to what to do with the sponsorship money that the Chapter anticipates receiving. Brandt said that the Chapter might consider a La. Assn. of Business and Industry (LABI) membership to foster La. business development. Brandt said that he would check on membership qualifications. Possible scholarships were also suggested.

During a general discussion, Ray said that some of the recent CLE topics were rather lightweight in content and lacked detail. Jim suggested that sponsors should submit a preview with some details of their intended presentations for Chapter Board approval.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy J. Sutton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Randy J. Sutton
Secretary