

Association of Corporate Counsel
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2009

The Board of Directors of the La. Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met at the offices of Laitram Corporation on April 16, 2009.

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

Joni asked that the Board approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting. **Upon motion by Jim Moran, seconded by Tommy Lind, the Board approved the minutes unanimously.**

Franck then presented the Treasurer's report, showing a bank balance as of April 16, 2009 of \$31,455.69.

Joni passed out a list of new members. Dan said that he had heard from Entergy's General Counsel who indicated that he would encourage his company lawyers to join ACC. Jim mentioned that Tulane has seven in-house lawyers and that he was in contact with one of them and was trying to interest that person in becoming a member and bringing along the rest of the Tulane legal department.

Joni reviewed the old business, specifically the March CLE luncheon and the April social event at the House on Bayou Road, both of which were successes.

Joni mentioned that Lemle had cancelled its planned social event in Baton Rouge that was originally scheduled for June, but that the date of the July CLE luncheon to be sponsored by Deutsch was firmed up. She also mentioned that Jim Redwine was to have lunch with Kean Miller to discuss the CLE planned for June in Baton Rouge. Jim mentioned that we need a date for the November CLE from Ogletree.

Tommy Lind said that he had spoken to Judy Perry Martinez about last year's diversity conference and said that contrary to what he had reported in January, the conference was not a Martinet Society event but was sponsored by the LSBA and was supported by the judiciary and was well attended. In light of this information, Tommy suggested that the Chapter consider participating in the next diversity conference in some manner. The Board then unanimously voted to consider participation. Joni said that she would call Kelly Legier at LSBA to advise her of the Chapter's interest.

Joni also mentioned that the LSBA Rule of Law conference was to be held May 5th and that Judy offered to arrange an invitations to interested persons at the Chapter's request.

Moving on to new business, Joni advised that an invitation to the May CLE had been sent to the membership. Joni then asked how we should treat requests for refunds from members that had paid their \$10 fee but were unable to attend the March CLE luncheon.

The Board voted on and unanimously approved a motion to set a policy of **no refunds for \$10 CLE fees to members who did not show up for a CLE luncheon and did not provide sufficient prior notice.**

Jim suggested that we begin the process of sending out solicitations for next year's sponsorships. Dan said that he would provide a list of firms to be contacted for sponsorship opportunities for 2010 and said that he did not recommend changing the sponsorship fee schedule.

Joni said that we should see how this year's planned CLE in Baton Rouge is attended before deciding whether the Chapter should seek a sponsor for a Baton Rouge social next year.

Joni noted that Jim Redwine had emailed a power point presentation for the planned June 5th function to promote in-house lawyers. She said that the Chapter was working with the Assn. for Corporate Growth, GNO Inc. and LABI to promote the event. She said that Proskauer Rose will sponsor and pay for the luncheon at the event, which will be held at Pan American Life. Joni asked whether the Chapter should advertise the event in City Business. She said that she would check on the price of an ad and advise the Board. Joni also mentioned that Sophia Ryan had done some work organizing this event and that Sophia and Pam Hansen should be considered as candidates for Chapter Board positions.

Joni announced that the dates for the next Board meetings were July 16th and October 15th. Jim said that after the July meeting, the Board should seek nominations for the 2010 Chapter Board of Directors.

Jim asked Franck if the Chapter could budget the cost of scholarships or some other worthy cause for Chapter philanthropy. A discussion followed as to how Chapter funds should be used, the size of scholarships and whether they should be funded for only one year or for multiple years. Joni and Dan volunteered to contact Tulane and Loyola for ideas. Joni suggested that giving a scholarship to the winner of the AmJur award for corporate law from each law school in the state might be an appropriate judging criterion.

Tommy suggested that the Chapter pay the travel expenses in addition to the meeting tuition cost for the incoming Chapter president to attend the annual meeting. The motion was supplemented by Jim's suggestion that the amount be fixed rather than be a reimbursement of actual expenses. Accordingly, **Tommy moved and Joni seconded a motion to defray the tuition and expenses of the incoming president to attend the ACC Annual Meeting each year at a fixed amount of \$2,000. The motion passed unanimously.**

Jose expressed his desire to become more involved in Chapter activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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