

**Waukesha County Bar Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 16, 2004; Noon Hour  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** Mike Hausman, Pres.; Eric Love, Pres.-Elect; Mac Davis, Secty/Treas.; Paul Bonneson, Past-Pres.; Directors Danni Caldwell, Dan Habeck, Michelle Martin, and Marjorie Wendt; and State Bar Director John Macy.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Mac Davis distributed the report prepared by our administrative assistant Lee Morris. There are 508 members as of Dec. 14. (compared to 455 on Dec. 11, 2003) Checking balance of \$3,443.56; money market account balance of \$39,078.24, one CD with balance of \$20,129.64. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Committee Reports & Business**

Paul Bonneson reported that the Board's letter to the Waukesha County Security and Facilities Committee expressing concerns regarding Courthouse security and access was submitted. No response or feedback has been communicated.

**State Bar Board of Governors:** John Macy reported that a third governors position for Waukesha County in a year was pending before the Supreme Court. Waukesha County Governor Jim Dunlap has announced he is not running for re-election this spring. County Bar President Mike Hausman has announced that he is running for that post. The State Bar Governor's Executive Committee proposed that the Supreme Court adopt an opt-out \$50 annual fee for WisTAF funding, rather than WisTAF's own proposal for a mandatory \$50 fee. John discussed concerns regarding the Supreme Court's Ethics 2000 Committee recommendations, particularly as to proposed restrictions on communications between government lawyers and unrepresented litigants. Contrary to prior information, the State Bar seeks to impose some charge to us for their member labels/list; John will pursue further.

**Holiday Party:** 118 members paid. Mike Hausman reports it was a great success. Lee Morris and Mike's office staffer Kathy helped tremendously. Danni Caldwell reported that at the bitter end, substantial food was left over. Fewer sandwiches, perhaps half, far less artichoke-cheese dip, and more hot items, spaced throughout the event, are called for. The bartenders were great. Entertainment was discussed. The consensus was that any entertainment would need to be well rehearsed and snappy in light of the short times available. The 2005 Holiday Party was scheduled for Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> since the first Thursday of December the 1<sup>st</sup>, is so early. Eric Love will contact the Delafield Brewhaus. It was agreed to proceed in 2005 as in 2004.

Courtroom Decorum Posting: Marjorie Wendt displayed a sample. Some style changes were discussed. Marjorie said she would bring a revised sample to the next meeting. Posting and display options were discussed.

Bar Association Composite Group Photo: Marjorie Wendt reported that her investigation revealed that all negatives and materials from the Bar member photos taken in 1999 for the decennial photo have been destroyed. The photographer reports that he did not hear from us and was not paid, so the materials were destroyed. It was agreed to select a vendor and arrange photo sitting opportunities to produce a composite group photo this coming year, in a fashion similar to 1990, etc. Marjorie Wendt will share responsibility with either Eric Love or Doug Swanson. Sittings at the Courthouse, the Support Staff Luncheon, and perhaps another occasion will be considered.

Spring Awards Dinner: Marjorie Wendt reported on menu choices and other arrangements at The Legends in Wales for the event on April 16, 2005. It was agreed that Marjorie should proceed with arrangements in accordance with her discretion.

Awards: Mac Davis reported that no nominations for the Awards at the Awards Dinner in April had yet been received. Danni Caldwell will have nomination forms available at the Judge's Meeting on Jan. 10, and the Support Staff Luncheon. A deadline of February 15, 2005 was agreed to so that the Awards Committee could report to the February Board Meeting. Mac Davis asked Board Members to make or generate nominations.

Judge's Luncheon: Eric Love reported that the reservation at the Country Springs Hotel was made, a deli lunch for \$10.25 per person ordered, and a room for about 92 selected. Lee Morris will be asked to make name cards for judges to be assigned tables.

Bailiff Training: Mike Hausman reminded the Board of a request for \$500 for a statewide civil bailiff training program being coordinated through district court administration in Racine County. The Board declined interest.

Seminar Credits: Mike Hausman presented two Office of Lawyer Regulation seminar credit confirmation letters on our section programs to Michelle Martin as section liaison. She will scan them, e-mail them to Danni Caldwell, who will post them on our website.

Adjourned by unanimous consent. **(Next meeting Thursday, January 27, 2005 at Noon)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mac Davis, Secretary