

**Waukesha County Bar Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 30, 2004; Noon Hour  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** Mike Hausman, Pres.; Paul Bonneson, Past Pres.; Mac Davis, Secty/Treas.; Directors Danni Caldwell, Dan Habeck, Michelle Martin, and Doug Swanson; and State Bar Rep. Jim Dunlap, Admin Assist. Lee Morris, Sam Benedict, and Marie Nienhuis.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the prior two meetings were approved. (The meeting earlier in September had no quorum and was therefore not an official meeting.)

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Lee Morris distributed a written report. There are 454 members as of Sept. 27 (compared to 406 on Oct. 7, 2003) Checking balance of \$26,151.77; money market account balance of \$19,034.21, one CD with balance of \$20,129.64. (transfer from checking to money market will be made shortly) Treasurer's report approved by unanimous consent.

**Committee Reports:**

**Bench-Bar:** Sam Benedict, Chairman, reported on concerns regarding Courthouse security plans. Upon recommendation of Sam Benedict, Paul Bonneson moved, seconded by Doug Swanson: "That the County allow all credentialed members of the Bar to bypass the weapons screening station upon display of a valid State Bar identification and accompanying photo ID." The vote in favor was unanimous. It was agreed that Paul Bonneson would send a letter regarding the resolution to the County security committee on which Sam Benedict and Paul Bonneson serve. The issue of locking of doors on the Sheriff's Dept./Courthouse courtyard was tabled to the next meeting (resolution #1 on Sam Benedict's handout.)

Paul Bonneson reported on the need to provide an appropriate photograph of Judge Marianne Becker for display in the ceremonial courtroom with other retired county judges. Mac Davis moved, Dan Habeck seconding, and it was resolved to purchase a comparable framed photo of Judge Becker for such display. Lee Morris will pursue this. The National Women's Bar photo of Judge Becker will be discussed at a future meeting.

**State Board of Bar Governors:** Jim Dunlap reported that 1) Wisconsin has received a fifth Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, 2) a redistricting report will cause Waukesha County to get a third member of the State Bar Board of Governors, probably in the spring of 2005; 3) Jim Dunlap is in his fourth year on the State Board and has discussed succession; 4) the Wis. Trust Fund Foundation, which receives and expends the interest off of lawyer trust accounts, has petitioned the Supreme Court for a direct \$50 annual fee from each lawyer; a state mailing to lawyers will come shortly; Jim Dunlap and John Macy desire input; and 5) other ethics proposals regarding pro bono reporting, etc. are on the State Bar website.

Charitable Giving Committee: No report

Awards Committee: Recently raised suggestions relating to senior attorneys were referred to the committee.

**Old Business:**

Scriptus: Danni Caldwell stated that she did not have a firm publication schedule, but would time coming issues to our activities.

Announcements of New Officers: It was agreed that Lee Morris and Mac Davis would formulate and distribute appropriate press notices.

WCBA Sections: Michelle Martin reported that, at Mike Hausman's direction, she was contacting our sections and would be making recommendations to the Board regarding formalizing our relationships. Guest Marie Nienhuis of Godfrey & Kahn expressed interest in a WCBA Bankruptcy section, which was positively received. Michelle Martin indicated she would work with Marie Nienhuis.

**New Business**

Lawyer Referral: Mike Hausman announced that he would be seeking leadership to work on a lawyer referral initiative.

Young Lawyer Training (Bridging the Gap): Mike Hausman initiated some discussion of a Milwaukee Bar Association CLE program for new lawyers and how WCBA might help new lawyers.

State Bar Grant Program: Mike Hausman stated that he may recruit a leader to investigate preparation of grant proposals from Waukesha for submission in October of 2005.

Adjourned by unanimous consent. (Next meeting October 21, 2004 at Noon)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mac Davis, Secretary