

**Waukesha County Bar Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2005; Noon Hour
Minutes**

Attendance: Mike Hausman, Pres.; Eric Love, Pres.-Elect; Mac Davis, Secty/Treas.; Directors Danni Caldwell, Dan Habeck, Doug Swanson. John Macy, State Bar Rep., Lee Morris, Admin. Ass't, and Carrie Turner, Board Nominee.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 24, 2005 meeting were approved.

Treasurer and Membership Report: Mac Davis distributed the report prepared by our administrative assistant Lee Morris. There are 526 members as of April 27. (Compared to 473 on April 7, 2004) Checking balance of \$4,029.47; money market account balance of \$29,421.41, one CD with a balance of \$12,500, and a second CD with a balance of \$12,500. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports & Business

State Bar Board of Governors: John Macy mentioned coming meetings, the results of Bar Pres. Election, and OLR seeking a fee increase to allow it to stop asking that disciplined lawyers pay "prosecution" expenses.

Bench/Bar Committee: Erik Love reported on the committee meeting which occurred April 27. Committee chair Sam Benedict desires renewed involvement by the WCBA in Law Day activities and volunteered to help. (Note that Michelle Martin will be reporting on this) Judge Becker's portrait will be officially hung in the ceremonial courtroom on Oct. 6th. Materials regarding Wisconsin Judge of the Year Mark Gempeler are on display in the 2nd floor lobby display case thanks to efforts by Linda Georgeson.

Judge Michael Bohren reported on progress of courthouse security measures. County Executive Dan Finley has now stated that he will request funds in his budget request to man a screening station at the main courthouse entrance. All other entrances will be closed to the public and metal detection and hand carried item X-ray examination will occur. He does not currently support any exception or pass through for attorneys, as Milwaukee and a number of other counties allow. Only county employees and state employees who work in the building (e.g. Judges, Court Reporters, D.A.'s) will be allowed to bypass security with issued ID cards.

The WCBA Board discussed the lack of an attorney bypass plan. It was agreed that the issue would be raised at the annual meeting and that President Hausman and President Elect-Love would seek a meeting with County Executive Finley to express the Bar's strong desire and justification for an attorney bypass system.

Lawyer Referral: Dan Habeck distributed a sample phone directory ad and a draft agreement with the Milwaukee Bar referral system. The WCBA would undertake no financial risk in the two-year agreement. Interested members would pay a fee of \$100 or

less per year and a % of any fee earned to receive referrals. The Milwaukee Bar reports about 800 lawyers have signed up for their referral system and that it has been a financial success for lawyers and their Bar Association. The WCBA Board consensus was that we would proceed according to prior actions and implement the referral system this summer. A separate letter would be sent to our members offering them the opportunity to participate.

Scriptus: After some discussion, it was agreed that Danni Caldwell would revise the recent edition for distribution.

Lawyer Decorum Postings: Doug Swanson reported that frames were set, but paper was still being selected.

Annual Meeting: Set for 11:45 AM on May 3 at the Country Springs Hotel. About 30 have RSVPed so far.

Group Photo: Doug Swanson reported that some progress was underway.

Spring Awards Dinner: All felt it was a success. Attendance increased from around 80-90 last year to about 130. Mac Davis reported that about ½ the attendees were still there 30 minutes after the program, mostly at the gaming tables. Concern was raised about slow service at the pasta station and the need for assigned seating for honorees so that they could eat first. Mac Davis said that he would get out some publicity.

Nominating Committee: Mike Hausman reported that the committee recommended the following slate:

President	Eric Love
Pres-Elect	Mac Davis
Secty-Treas.	Majorie Wendt
Board	Dan Habeck (re-election)
Board	Danni Caldwell (re-election)
Board	Carrie Turner

(Board members Doug Swanson and Michelle Martin still have a year remaining on their terms)

The Board voted to recommend the nominated slate for election at the annual meeting.

It was agreed to cancel the June Board meeting.

Adjourned by unanimous consent. **(Next meeting Thursday, May 26, 2005 at Noon)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mac Davis, Secretary