

**WAUKESHA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, August 24, 2006; 12:00 pm  
MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Judge Davis, President, Marjorie Wendt, President-Elect, Eric Love, Past President, Dan Habeck, Secty/Treas., Danni Caldwell, Michelle Martin, Vicky Schroeder, Doug Swanson, Carrie Turner, Melony Howard, Admin. Ass't., and Mike Hausman, Board of Governors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 27th, 2006 meeting were approved with changes.

**Treasurer and Membership Report:** Membership and Treasurer's report were distributed and reviewed. As of August 24, 2006 there are 411 members and membership dues collected total \$24,900.00. The checking account balance is \$22,519.13. August statements for the following accounts have not yet been received, so balances remain as of July 27: the money market account balance is \$15,685.79, the 12-month CD balance is \$12,843.58, and the 24-month CD has a balance of \$12,924.79. The Treasurer's report and membership report were approved.

**Old Business and Committee Reports:**

**State Board of Governors:** Mike Hausman reported on the most recent meetings. Mike remains concerned about President Levine's initiatives, including the revocation of the diploma privilege. Mike encouraged everyone to read Mr. Levine's letter in the most recent edition of the Wisconsin Lawyer, and to begin to consider these issues and the opinions of the membership on them.

**Bench Bar:** No report, next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

**Courthouse Security:** Judge Davis and Danni Caldwell reported that the County had approved the expenditures necessary to implement the screening process. No further details were available, and the Board will monitor. (Note: Following the meeting, Judge Davis has advised that courthouse screening will begin October 5.)

**Group Photograph:** A motion was made and unanimously approved to allow Doug Swanson to direct completion of the large photograph with plexiglas at an expenditure of approximately \$486.00. Marjorie Wendt reported on purchases of photographs by individuals and individual law firms or other entities.

**Scriptus/Website:** Danni Caldwell reported that the current versions of the Scriptus is available on line. A new issue of the Scriptus will be run in mid-October.

**Charitable Giving and Scholarship:** Doug Swanson reported back on proposed criteria for scholarship candidates, size of scholarship and implementation strategies with both the Marquette and UW Law Schools. There was discussion on those points, and on whether the

Trina Held Scholarship to high school students has lost relevance, and whether those energies and funds could be better used to fit the WCBA's purpose by focusing them at law students. Eric Love will follow up with Terry Cahill concerning the Trina Held Scholarship and its viability, Doug Swanson will prepare a proposal for the UW/Marquette program.

Fall Ethics Seminar: Doug Swanson reported that the seminar, scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Suites, is moving forward according to plan, subject to confirmation of speakers.

Fall Reception/Young Lawyers: The reception was set for September 28, 2006 at Panos Char House in Brookfield. A budget of \$1,000.00 was authorized, with the understanding that that would be for food, hors d'oeuvres, and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar if attendees wish to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Old Courtroom Remodeling: Dan Habeck reported that this project continues to move forward with a goal toward the end of this year of \$200,000.00. At this point, campaign chair, Tim Andringa, is requesting the Board's assistance in generating donations from individual bar members, and is not requesting a donation from the Board at this point. The Board will invite Tim Andringa, or another representative, to set a display or similar set up at the fall reception and Christmas party, and will consider a similar set up or brief statement at the Ethics Seminar. Dan Habeck will prepare proposed endorsement language for the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Political Forums: Judge Davis prompted a discussion of whether the Board and Bar Association would sponsor or co-sponsor political forums. There was substantial discussion of minimum criteria for such forums and the Board agreed to work toward creating a clear policy on these issues, which will likely include only races which are of relevance to the WCBA membership, including likely on a state or county level only.

**Other:**

By-laws and Records: Judge Davis raised the issue of recordkeeping and document retention. Danni Caldwell has a variety of old documents. Michelle Martin indicated that she had raised in this issue in the past, and was willing to work on it with an eye toward approval by next year's Annual Meeting. Dan Habeck will assist.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:27 p.m. Next meeting **September 28, 2006 at noon, location to be announced.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Habeck, Secretary