

MOHAVE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF
Board of Directors' Meeting
June 25, 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:05 P.M. by Paul Sowerby, President.

Board Members Present at the commencement of the meeting: Paul Sowerby, Doug Camacho, Bill Porter, Ken Gregory, Shawn Hamp, Kyle Kinkead. Members appearing telephonically: Jay Bidwell. Members absent: Steve Wilson and Keith Evans.

Minutes from the May 7, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting were presented. Bill Porter moved to approve the minutes. Kyle Kinkead seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: Paul Sowerby has received the Bylaws that were signed by Doug Camacho. Paul Sowerby will forward these to Jay Bidwell. The Board should send a letter using Jay Bidwell's Address to KRMC thanking them for the use of the board room. A request is made for a member of the Board to help put on a golf tournament with D'Arcy Downs Volbract as a fundraiser for Community Legal Services. Shawn Hamp Volunteers. Later Paul Sowerby decided to work with D'Arcy on the golf tournament.

Treasurer's Report: The Board discussed the reason for the \$382.02 publication costs. Bidwell explained that this was what was required for the bylaws to be published. Bidwell was asked to contact the bank to see if they will waive the bank charges. Bill Porter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kyle Kinkead seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

CLE Committee Report: Bill Porter presented a proposed itinerary of the CLE program to be offered by the Mohave County Bar Association on the dates previously proposed. The itinerary included proposed names of speakers and topics. Bill was given substantial thanks for his hard work and diligence in putting the itinerary together.

Bill Porter moved to amend the bylaws so that the fiscal calendar year that corresponds with the State Bar of Arizona's CLE calendar year. This motion was seconded by Doug Camacho. The Board discussed this topic extensively. Questions included the tax ramifications of such an amendment, and what is needed to amend the bylaws. Sowerby made a motion to table the motion until the next meeting. Bill Porter withdrew the motion.

Bill Porter moved for a Board Resolution that the membership year be amended so that it corresponds to the State Bar of Arizona's CLE calendar year, and that members who have paid their dues between January 1, 2009 and July 1, 2009 shall be counted as having paid for dues during the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 membership year. This

motion seconded by Kyle Kinhead. Shawn Hamp expressed concerns that the system was working fine and did not to be amended. The motion was carried with 6 ayes and 1 nay from Shawn Hamp.

Discussion of prices and exemptions that should exist for CLE were discussed. Bill originally proposed the cost for non-members being \$120.00, or \$8.00 per hour. It was agreed that the cost per non-members for the entire CLE package would be \$150.00, or \$10 an hour.

A discussion of whether to have the members of the county offices (County Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Legal Defender's Office) have free membership and free CLE was discussed. Concern whether that was appropriate was expressed. No decision was made. However, Bill Porter agreed to approach the heads of each organization concerning the issue.

A discussion was had as to whether the March CLE should be held at the Aquarius Resort in Nevada, or whether it should be held in Arizona. The board resolved to have the CLE at the Aquarius Resort. This was carried with 5 yeas and 2 nays from Keg Gregory and Doug Camacho.

It was also agreed to invite Judge Bartlett to give a State of the Bench address at the March 2010 CLE.

Shawn Hamp also suggested that it may be helpful to have CLE on "setting up shop" for attorney's interested in establishing or enhancing practices.

CLE Event Committee: It was proposed that a CLE event committee would be formed. Shawn Hamp and Ken Gregory volunteered to work on this committee. One responsibility of this committee will be to arrange to have appropriate vendors present at CLE events.

Awards Committee: During the discussion of the Awards luncheon on March 20, 2010, it was proposed that an Awards committee be formed. Doug Camacho and Kyle Kinhead volunteered to work on this committee. It was proposed that a Frank X. Gordon Jr. award be given at the March 20, 2010 meeting and that it be awarded by former Chief Justice Gordon himself. This committee is to help select appropriate candidates for this award and possibly other awards. It was decided that Judge Jantzen and Commissioner Carlisle should receive gavels when they give CLE presentations.

The next meeting will be held on **July 23, 2009 at 12:00 at the Kingman Regional Medical Center.**

Doug Camacho moves to adjourn the meeting. Paul Sowerby seconded the motion. The motion is unanimously passed and the meeting is adjourned at 1:49 p.m.