

LINCOLN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Minutes of April 28, 2016

The regular Board Meeting of Lincoln Legal Professionals Association was held on April 28, 2016, at Baylor Evnen with the following board members present: Tina Scully, Jennifer Hague (for a short period), Sheila Anderson, Sandie Smith, Brooke Vass, Lisa Tollefsen, Mary Douglas, Lori Dymek, Amber Bogle, Carol Paige, Janet Benner, Tara Curtiss, Alicia Hunt and Lori McGowan.

Amber Bogle called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the March meeting stand approved and will be printed in the LincolNotes.

Treasurer's Report:

The March financial report was reviewed and approved, and will be filed, subject to audit. A question was asked if LLPA's 990N had been filed. Amber indicated that Patty Liebaert indicted to her that she had filed it.

Submission of expenses:

Nebraska Club – Bosses Night	\$2,173.66	
BOTY – postage – Kathy Hubbell	\$ 40.06	
BOTY – plaque – Awards Unlimited	\$ 61.13	
BOTY – flowers – Sheila Anderson	\$ 75.02	
LPOTY – plaque – Awards Unlimited	\$ 30.03	
LPOTY – flowers – Kathy Hubbell	\$ 37.54	
Judges' Gifts – BOTY & LPOTY	\$ 100.00	(\$25 to Sheila Anderson; \$75 to Kathy Hubbell)
Scholarship – Sandie Smith	\$ 51.41	
Courtesy – Lisa Tollefsen	\$ 10.62	

Brooke Vass made a motion and Tina Scully seconded to pay previously stated expenses. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Carol Paige and seconded by Sheila Anderson to pay the Bosses Night invoice to the Nebraska Club in the amount of \$2,173.66. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about possibly setting up a separate checking account to hold the money we raise for scholarship. Alicia Hunt will look into the details on doing that.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Association dues are due in by May 31, 2016. A new membership application will be in the next newsletter.

Chapter Representative: Sandie Smith reported that the 2016 Annual Convention was held April 22-24 in Grand Island. 24 attended with 3 attending from LLPA. Ways and Means made

\$761.00 from the raffle. Sherry Mitchell sold the most tickets. Bryce Sealock was the winner of the NLPA Scholarship. Karen Niedfeldt from Grand Island was named State Legal Professional of the Year.

There was a discussion about combining the State and Chapter Websites at annual NLPA Board Meeting. OLPA would assume the duties of maintenance and NLPA would cover the cost of the website. Each chapter will have their own pages and link. This was put to a vote at the annual meeting and it passed. Tara Curtiss will work with the contact in OLPA to get our pages set up. They hope to have this transitioned by end of 2016.

The new NLPA officers are:

President	Kathy Eidenmiller
Vice President	Valentina Saavedra
Secretary	Kathy Bass
Treasurer	Lisa Bryan
Parliamentarian	Carol Paige

Kathy Eidenmiller will work to create a President's Foundation Board where points are given to members and a prize or prizes are awarded.

Upcoming Seminar and Convention schedule:

Fall Seminar 2016	OLPA
Spring and Fall Seminars 2017	CNLPA
Convention 2017	LLPA
2017 is the 20 th anniversary of NLPA/LLPA	

Committee Reports:

Program: Discussion was held and it was decided that the summer social will be 6-9-16 at Deer Springs Winery. Lori McGowan will make contact with the winery and others on the committee.

Charitable: No Report. Mary Douglas has stepped down as Charitable Chair so a new person is needed to fill this position.

Fundraising: Lori Dymek indicated she would remain in this position and she is brainstorming for new ideas for fundraising.

Bosses' Night: Tina Scully reported on Bosses Night on April 7, 2016. We had 67 RSVP's; 62 paid tickets; 64 attended. There was a loss of \$347.44 after all expenses. Her report is attached. There was discussion about looking for a new venue next year with lower meal prices.

Legal Professional of the Year: Lori Dymek is the new Chair for 2016 – 2017.

Boss of the Year: Janet Benner is the committee chair for the 2016 – 2017 year.

Courtesy: Lisa Tollefsen reported that in the month of March, 2 birthday cards were sent, and a sympathy card. Lisa is retiring in June and has resigned from this position for the upcoming year. So a new person is needed to fill this position.

LincolNotes: The next LincolNotes deadline May 19, 2016.

Scholarship: Sandie Smith read a letter from the 2016 LLPA scholarship winner thanking us for the scholarship. We had received 15 applications for this scholarship. Sandie Smith also resigned from this position so a new person is needed to fill this position.

Nominations/Elections: No report

Website: Tara Curtiss is the new Webmaster and has received the passwords and has met briefly with Carrie Blazek; she is also in contact with the OLPA member regarding the new website.

Historian/Media Chair: There was discussion about changing this position to Media Chair. There was a motion made by Mary Douglas to change this position to Media Chair. It was seconded by Tina Scully. Carol Paige will revise the language and create a description for this position. The discussion was that this person would be in charge of taking pictures at events and program meetings and getting pictures and stories in our newsletters, Neighborhood Extra and to Facebook and website.

Facebook: No Report.

Parliamentarian/Bylaws: Carol Paige submitted wording for Standing Rule No. 2 and Article IX of the LLPA By Laws to mirror the wording from NLPA regarding Eligibility for Membership. A motion was made by Mary Douglas to accept the new Standing Rule No. 2 wording. The motion was seconded by Lori McGowan. The change to Standing Rule No. 2 passed. However, per By-Law rules, the change to Article IX of the By-Laws must be presented to and approved by the membership. The change to Article IX will run in the newsletter indicating that a vote will be taken at the July program meeting.

Legal Education: No Report. Kathy Eidenmiller reported that CNLP and OLPA are involved in Law Day, which is May 1st. It was suggested that LLPA explore activities we can participate in for next year in order to educate grade school kids about the law, possibly a mock trial.

Audit: Carol Paige. Discussion was held that we need 2 people other than the President or the Treasurer to do an audit of the books after the transfer of the books from the previous treasurer to the current treasurer.

Membership: Tina Scully reported that the US Bank conference room is reserved for Membership Appreciation for May 12, 2016. The speaker is Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner for the City of Lincoln. Mary Douglas will call Tico's to order a taco bar and have it delivered to the event space for ½ beef and ½ chicken. The quote was for \$284.00. A motion was made by Carol Paige to allow \$300 for the meal. The motion was seconded by Lori McGowan. Tina Scully will donate bottled water for the event and we will ask board members to bring desserts. Tina Scully will put a sign up sheet out for board members to sign up to bring desserts.

Special Orders:

None.

Unfinished Business:

Revision to Bylaw Language: See “Parliamentarian /By Laws” above

See notes regarding Membership Appreciation and Summer Social above.

Polos, previously discussed were not discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

Committee Chairs needed are Charitable, Courtesy, Scholarship and possibly Audit.

A date for the 2017 Annual Convention was set for April 28 – 30, 2017. Lincoln will be hosting and incorporating the 20th anniversary of NLPA/LLPA.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be May 26, 2016 at Mueller Robak.

Adjournment:

At 1:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Douglas, Recording Secretary