

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2006

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

President Gene Kopecky called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m.

The following guests were introduced: None.

Membership Chair Lisa Stephenson announced the following attorneys were admitted for membership: Elizabeth Craig (Iowa Legal Aid) and Abbe Stensland (Moyer & Bergman).

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer's Report.

Natalie Ditmars and Anna Rybicki, president and vice-president of the Linn Law Club, respectively, announced the Club has reinstated the Breakfast with the Bench series. The kickoff Breakfast with the Bench meeting was held earlier this month with U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Michael Melloy as guest. Ditmars and Rybicki also reminded members of the 5th annual holiday charity drive that is going on. The Club collects donations from LCBA members and firms and uses those funds to "adopt" HACAP families for the holidays. So far the Club has had four donations and hopes to have many more. Also, the Club is seeking volunteers to join the club at 6 pm on December 14 to help shop for the families and wrap presents. The Club will meet at Target on Blairs Ferry Road.

President Kopecky announced the annual LCBA Bench Bar conference will be held January 3 at a location TBA.

Past-president Phil Hershner gave a short presentation on the LCBA Donor Advised Fund, explaining to members the purpose and history of the fund and requesting that members seeking to honor a member of their firm do so by contributing to the Fund.

President Kopecky introduced the speakers, Greg Seyfer and Greg Kingery, co-chairs of the LCBA's newly reinstated Linn County Title Standards Committee. Seyfer and Kingery discussed (1) the review and update of existing title standards; (2) adopting an arbitration or mediation service to help resolve title disputes; and (3) entering a collective effort with abstract companies and government agencies to maintain our system of land titles. At the meeting, Seyfer and Kingery hope to gain input from the bar as to the direction the Title Standards Committee should take and would like to hear from any bar members who are interested in serving on the Title Standards Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1 pm.

The next meeting of the LCBA will be **Thursday, January 18, 2007** at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

/s/ Stephanie Hinz

Stephanie Hinz, Secretary