

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 15, 2007  
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

President Gene Kopecky called the meeting to order at approximately 12:18 p.m.

The following guests were introduced: (1) Rod Schultz, director of the University of Iowa Foundation (introduced by Rick Fry); (2) Rodney Kleitsch, staff attorney at Iowa Legal Aid (introduced by Jim Kringlen); (3) Theresa Baumann and Timothy Vavricek, law clerks to Judge Linda Reade (introduced by Judge Reade); (4) Erik Sittig, new associate at Nidey, Peterson, Erdahl & Tindal; and (5) Dick Pilcher of US Bank (introduced by Phil Hershner).

No attorneys were proposed for membership.

Secretary Stephanie Hinz, on behalf of Membership Chair Lisa Stephenson, announced the following attorneys have been proposed and admitted for membership: Erik Sittig, Nidey, Peterson, Erdahl & Tindal; Matthew Rasmusson, White & Johnson; Teresa Baumann and Timothy Vavricek, Law Clerks to Judge Linda Reade.

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer's Report showing the LCBA accounts as of February 1, 2007. Todd advised this month he will make the donations that were approved at last month's meeting of \$38,000 to Iowa Legal Aid and \$8,000 to Kids First Law Center.

President Kopecky announced the LCBA received a letter from Iowa Legal Aid advising the LCBA has been nominated for Iowa Legal Aid's Hall of Fame. A reception will be held March 6, and President Kopecky will attend on the LCBA's behalf. President Kopecky noted many attorneys on the LCBA's Family Law Committee contribute time helping on Legal Aid cases.

Natalie Ditmars, president of the Linn Law Club announced the Club's next meeting will be an evening get-together on March 4 at the C.R. Ice Arena to play broom ball (similar to hockey with no skates and a ball instead of a puck). All LCBA members are invited to this event.

President Kopecky announced the LCBA Summer Outing will be held July 12, and the May "meeting" at a Cedar Rapids Kernels game will be held June 1.

Nick Maybanks of the Linn County Attorney's Office announced a group of local criminal justice professionals is sponsoring a 5K run on April 21 called "Go the Distance for Crime Victims: Run Against Violence, Stop the Silence." The LCBA is a sponsor of the race, having made a \$250 donation to the event.

Roger Stone of Simmons Perrine introduced the speaker, Hon. Linda Reade, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, who discussed tips for federal practice.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1 pm. The next meeting of the LCBA will be **Thursday, March 15, 2007** at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

/s/ Stephanie Hinz  
Stephanie Hinz, Secretary