

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 20, 2008
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

President-Elect Scott McLeod called the meeting to order at approximately 12:13 p.m.

Scott McLeod welcomed the following Judges: Iowa Court of Appeals Judge David Baker; District Court Judges Fae Hoover-Grinde, David Good and Marsha Beckelman; and District Associate Judge Angeline Wilson.

The following guests were introduced: Janet Hong introduced Derek Hong, Matt Novak introduced Jeff Thompson (attorney who relocated to the area), Darrell Morf introduced Kelly Gallagher (an attorney with their office), Tim Vondracek (Judge Reade's Clerk) introduced Fran Haas (Judge Reade's new Clerk).

The following attorney was proposed for membership: Derek Hong of Hong Law Firm.

The following attorney was admitted for membership: Derek Hong of Hong Law Firm.

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer's Report and advised there is an account balance of \$67,784.80, which is down from last month due to contribution to Legal Aid.

Announcements:

Linn Law Club President Caitlin Slessor announced the Linn Law Club will be sponsoring an event for new lawyers on April 3, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Piano Lounge.

Jim Craig announced local lawyers are needed to present American Citizenship awards (medals and certificates). A sign-up sheet was distributed.

Diane Kutzko of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll spoke with regard to the ABA Delegate Report and the Ethics 2000 ABA Initiative.

Tim Boyle of the Cedar Rapids Visitors Bureau announced that the "Grounds for Art" project will result in a selection of 30 sculptures to be placed in downtown Cedar Rapids for a year. People can go to www.groundsforart.org to see them.

Judge David Baker announced that he would like to see good attendance at the Bench Bar Conference at Okoboji this summer.

Scott McLeod announced that on March 28, 2008, a CLE will be presented at Kirkwood titled "What you Need: Advanced Skills for Dealing with High-Conflict Personalities."

Jim Kringlen of Iowa Legal Aid announced that the Cedar Rapids Legal Aid office will be receiving a portion of the Microsoft grant for their five-year project.

Scott McLeod also mentioned he recently attended Iowa Legal Aid's Equal Justice After Hours program on behalf of the LCBA, which is a past inductee to Iowa Legal Aid's Hall of Fame. Roxanne Barton-Conlin was honored at the program, and a \$1 million grant to Iowa Legal Aid from Bill Gates was announced.

Speaker: Scott McLeod introduced Sixth Judicial District Judge Fae Hoover-Grinde as speaker. She advised members about the new Drug Treatment Court.

The next meeting of the LCBA will be **Thursday, April 17, 2008**, at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

//s// Mary E. Chicchelly

Acting Secretary (Stephanie Hinz absent)