

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MINUTES  
Thursday September 17, 2009  
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

President Connie Alt called the meeting to order at approximately 12:20 p.m.

No judges attended the meeting.

The following guests were introduced: Ryan Sawyer of Lynch Dallas introduced Emily Ellingson and Jordan Schier; Gary Streit introduced Ryan Prahm; and Judge Reade's law clerk, Fran Haas, introduced Judge Reade's newest clerk, Ryan Leemkuil.

The following attorneys were proposed for membership: Lanny Zieman of John C. Wagner Law Offices, P.C.; Patty Meier of Iowa Legal Aid; Kimberly Ellis of Iowa Legal Aid; Jordan Schier of Lynch Dallas, P.C.; Emily Ellingson of Lynch Dallas, P.C.; and Raymond Rinkol, Jr. of White Law Firm, PLC.

The following attorneys were admitted for membership: Lanny Zieman of John C. Wagner Law Offices, P.C.; Patty Meier of Iowa Legal Aid; Kimberly Ellis of Iowa Legal Aid; Jordan Schier of Lynch Dallas, P.C.; Emily Ellingson of Lynch Dallas, P.C.; and Raymond Rinkol, Jr. of White Law Firm, PLC.

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$69,944.57, but advised that all but \$25,000 of that will be distributed per the Charitable Donations Committee's recommendation. A vote was held on the committee's recommendation (to donate 75% of donated dollars to Iowa Legal Aid and 25% to Kids First), which passed. Both Jim Kringlen and Jenny Shulz expressed their gratitude for the donations. Mr. Anderson also advised that dues notices have gone out.

Linn Law Club President Laura Ebinger requested that potential new members contact her by email. She also announced that the welcoming event for the 2009-2010 year will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Zins.

President Alt announced that she is reactivating the technology committee. Jim Moriarty volunteered to serve on that committee given his past experience in Waterloo and elsewhere. President Alt also invited members to become active on committees and explained that information on committees, as well as about the LCBA generally and the Linn County District Court, can be found on the LCBA's website. She also indicated that the October meeting will be presented by Iowa's judiciary taskforce, an organization formed so bar members can have a positive impact on the financial changes in our judiciary system. Finally, she encouraged attendance at the LCBA monthly meetings and suggested that more business lawyers should attend.

President Alt introduced Sue Wilkinson, Senior Legal Assistant at Alliant, who gave a short presentation about the fall seminar being offered by the Iowa Association of Legal Assistants on

Friday, September 25, 2009 at Kirkwood. She indicated lawyers are invited as well and there will likely be CLE credit available.

Tim Semelroth of Riccolo & Semelroth introduced the speaker, Jim Efting, who discussed the history of mock trial in Iowa generally and his personal experience in connection to his years of service for his middle school mock trial program. He advised that the regional competition for middle school mock trial will be held at Kirkwood on October 31, 2009 and invited attorneys to volunteer as judges. Finally, he introduced Anna Busse, a former mock trial student, who gave an example opening argument. President Alt then presented Mr. Efting with a plaque indicating he is an honorary member of the LCBA.

The next meeting of the LCBA will be Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

/s/ Laura C. Mueller  
Secretary