

NCBC Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2008

The meeting was held via teleconference and was called to order by President Ken Gardner at 12:07 p.m. CST

Officers: Ken Gardner, President
Mark Hatcher, President Elect
John Ginocchetti, Treasurer
Trisha Harrington, Secretary
Barry Lander, Past President

Governors present: Jerry Truitt
Linda Spaight
Monica Menier (**absent**)
Milton Aguila
Kathy Grzybowski

Other Attendees: Celia Strickler, Business Manager
Sandy Smith - IMPACT Editor (**absent**)
Mary Lynn Wilson, Historian
George Prentice (Clerk of Court Texas Western - San Antonio - Host Court 2008 NCBC Conference)
Patty De La Garza (Host Court 2008 NCBC Conference)

President Ken Gardner

****A Motion is made by Linda Spaight to approve the amended minutes from the March 6, 2008 board meeting. Milton Aguila seconds.**

The Motion is approved by the board with no objections.

****A Motion is made by Kathy Grzybowski to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Mark Hatcher seconds.**

The Motion is approved by the board with no objections.

Update on San Antonio Conference

George Prentice addressed the board regarding the progress of the San Antonio conference. George indicated that they are on target to post the agenda for the conference on Tuesday April 1. Barry indicated that Sandy Smith is out this week but that if George gets the agenda to him, Barry will get it posted. Registration will open April 14. George indicated that they had tentative approval from AO for courses scheduled for the break out sessions. The plenary on Wednesday

will open with Hints from Heloise. For the group lunch on Wednesday, Judge Edward Prado from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will be the speaker. Thursday afternoon we have Dr. Richard Bruce Winders who is the curator of the Alamo speaking. Dr. Winders does not charge to speak but does ask that a donation be made to the Alamo. George suggested NCBC make a donation of \$500.00. George indicated that Judy Roberts and Bob Fagan will be offering 3 sessions for a fee of \$5,000.00. Susan Arledge will also be offering a session and her fee is \$1,000.00. Everything is lined up for the vendor fair. There are still some possible sponsors, some local organizations and possibly the bar association. Celia indicated that for last year's conference registration was open to board members prior to opening to the entire membership to get feedback. George indicated that would happen this year as well. Milton asked how's the hotel coming. George indicated that there was a "soft" opening last week-end and that the hotel will be ready for the Final Four the end of March so it should be completed for the mid-year the end of April. George indicated that he sent an email to Noel Augustyn at SDSD getting final approval of their speakers. Ken asked George if he should also send it to John Leonard. George indicated that Noel takes care of the speakers for SDSD. Ken asked if Glen Palman should be copied as well. George indicated that it wasn't necessary. Kathy asked if the registration fee had been set. Ken indicated that the early registration fee would be \$295 and that late and non-member registration would be \$320. Ken indicated that he had been in contact with David but had not received any numbers on the hotel yet. Barry indicated that the hotel would probably be flexible to a point but we may want to start looking at other options nearby. Patty indicated that she did not have access to the hotel information yet. She indicated that the hotel sent her a link to Passkey but that it didn't work. Ken indicated that he'd call David once the registration site is up and see if we could get the room block raised by 50 for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A lot of people have already made reservations. Ken indicated that he asked David to attend the mid-year. Patty indicated that she would vigorously pursue access to the hotel numbers via Passkey today. Ken indicated that David mentioned there was a sister property he could work with if we need additional rooms. Patty indicated that it is preferential to have everyone at one hotel. Ken indicated that he got letters sent to Director Duff and Judge Rothstein asking them to speak at the plenary. George indicated that the education committee for the conference has done a great job.

Mid-Year Board Meeting

Patty asked if it has been decided if we will need rooms for Linda Ball and Vito Genna at the mid-year meeting. Jerry indicated that the By-laws committee had a meeting this morning and that nothing was resolved. Linda Ball was not able to attend. Jerry indicated that he would try and get in touch with Linda regarding the wording in Section 8. Jerry will then send the By-laws out to the board and get feedback. Patty indicated that she would need to know within two weeks. Jerry indicated that he would let Patty know by the 10th of April whether the additional rooms will be needed. Patty asked if she should check into a room for David. Ken indicated that we'll wait and see what his response is.

Patty indicated that she is still looking around for nearby restaurants for Saturday night dinner but downtown is pretty busy because of Fiesta week-end. Ken indicated that he will send out an

email to gather information about when people arrive and depart to try and coordinate rides to and from the airport since the town will be so busy. Patty will make arrangements for the board to have dinner Sunday night somewhere on the river. Patty indicated to Kathy that she had been working with Pat Tuccio about putting on a presentation about the HRMIS Initiative. Cindy Roth with EAP will have a booth at the Tech Trail on this Initiative.

Committee Updates

By-Laws - Jerry indicated that the By-laws are almost complete and that they should be out to the board sometime next week and then to the membership in August.

Benefits - Kathy indicated that she submitted the long term disability report to the board. Kathy indicated that she was mostly curious about the number of denied claims and that she felt that number looked pretty good. Kathy indicated that she would obtain this report regularly in order to track trends. Kathy indicated that if there was any other information that the board was interested in to send her an email. The NCBC Survey has gone out and so far there have been 397 responses or about 33% of the membership have replied. The site is open for 4 more days. Kathy indicated that she and Gallagher have decided to table the possible train the trainer session for now.

Membership - Barry indicated that he received a list of good ideas to increase membership from Teresa Underwood from Ohio Northern. Celia indicated that we have 1332 members not all of whom are current. There are dues still coming in and as of right now there are 618 members showing current and there are still more to process. Celia indicated that the dues have been coming in at a pretty regular rate. Celia indicated that she is seeing a lot of new membership among IT people.

Awards - Linda indicated that the Awards committee is now populated. Linda indicated that email will be going out this week to the committee. Linda is the chair this year and next year Kathy will be the chair. The other members of the committee are John Horner, Kathleen Crosser, Kelli Felkel and Rick Thompson.

Candidate Recruitment - No one from the board can be on this committee. So far Therese Buthod from Oklahoma has volunteered and Celia indicated that Ken should contact Dave LePauloue from Maine. Mary Shott, Clerk from Nevada, will also be on this committee.

Historian - Mary Lynn indicated that Barbara Everly has agreed to be interviewed as past president and Mary Weibel has consented as well. Lou Phillips has agreed to be the official photographer/videographer. Bill Nass from Mary Weibel's staff has agreed as well. By the mid-year there may be two more interviews scheduled.

Gallagher - Ken indicated that the life insurance program is set to start May 1. Dave and John will be at the mid-year meeting.

Work Measurement

Ken indicated there was a lot of discussion about this issue at the BCAG meeting he attended earlier this month. This issue is critical for our members and for the bankruptcy system. Currently the study gives most courts their on-board staff plus a little more. There are several scenarios, including a “text book one”, that is the most mathematically sound and a model one that offers more stability - the study fell right in the middle. Ken indicated that about 95% of courts look pretty good moving into 2009. Mark indicated that his take was the same as Ken’s. Most courts should look good for 2009 barring any unforeseen circumstances. Ken indicated that this formula has been the best he’s seen in his 15 years with the courts.

Miscellaneous

Ken and Mark will be in Ireland prior to the mid-year meeting for the international conference April 22, 23, & 24.

The next meeting will be the mid-year in San Antonio on April 27th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 CST.

Respectfully Submitted

Trisha A. Harrington, Secretary