

**NCBC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Annual Conference - St. Petersburg, Florida**  
**July 2, 2009**

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The meeting was held at the Renaissance Vinoy in St. Petersburg, Florida and was called to order by President Mark Hatcher at 12:45 p.m. EST

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

Governors present:   Milton Aguila  
                              Kathy Grzybowski  
                              Sandy Smith  
                              John Horner  
                              Lee Ann Bennett

Other Attendees:     Celia Strickler, Business Manager  
                              Mary Lynn Wilson, Historian  
                              Yvonne Cherokee, NCBC Impact  
                              John Evans (Gallagher)

**2009 Conference**

Lee Ann indicated that she was pleased with how the conference went. There were only a few complaints, some of the meeting rooms were a little warm, and some were a little cramped. As of now it appears the budget is \$203,000.00, last year it was at \$197,000.00. Celia indicated that there would be some money forthcoming from some cancellations. John Horner asked how it worked out with the overflow hotels. Lee Ann indicated that the people staying there seemed happy and that the transportation worked out well.

Lee Ann indicated that the A/V costs ended up coming in at \$8,300.00, they started at \$25,000.00. Lee Ann had two speakers complain that their rooms weren't large enough. Lee Ann indicated that she was approached by the hotel about giving a gratuity to the food captains. Mark indicated that the standard amount would be about \$1,000.00.

Mark indicated that NCBC would give the host court \$1,000.00 to host a party for their staff.

**\*\*A Motion is made by Mark Hatcher to allot \$1,000.00 to Florida Middle to have a party to thank the staff for their work on the conference. Sandy Smith seconds.**

**The Motion is approved by the board with no objections.**

Mark indicated that San Francisco may be interested in hosting the conference in 2012. Mark was also approached by Indianapolis for 2013 or 2014. Kathy Grzybowski indicated that she talked to Marcia and that Wisconsin might be interested in hosting a conference in the future. John Horner indicated that Dana McWay also expressed interest.

Mark indicated that Sandy will be sending out a survey in the next few weeks asking people to give their input about the conference. Sandy indicated that she would pattern it after previous surveys and would send it out to the board for review.

There is some discussion about sponsorship received for the conferences. Milton indicated that FCCA has a separate foundation set up that is not in theory affiliated with FCCA. Bank of America is a member of their foundation. Ethically a board member can't pursue sponsorship, it has to be a person who is not a judiciary employee. Jim Larson from Eastern Washington will be the next FCCA President.

Ken Gardner suggested working to get past presidents to attend next year's conference. Mary Lynn suggested having the past presidents give some sort of presentation about what it was like when they were leading.

Mark referenced the memo sent by the AO just prior to the conference regarding reimbursement of expenses for the conference. Mark indicated that the memo emanated from the budget division as a means to give guidance on spending money. The memo addressed whether or not the conference falls within the guidelines of being paid for by individual courts. Celia indicated that typically anything at the conference that looks like a social event is covered by sponsorship money.

Ken Gardner suggested that someone from the A/O address this issue at the Clerk/Chief Deputy Conference in October.

**\*\*A Motion is made by Milton Aguila to adjourn the meeting. John Ginocchetti seconds.**

**The Motion is approved by the board with no objections.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 EST.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30 at 10:00 PST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisha A. Harrington, Secretary