

Approved Board Minutes

**LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009
1:00 PM
BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA**

The Louisiana Clerks of Court Board of Directors met on the above date with the following members present: President Robby Barousse, Louie Bernard, Mark Graffeo, Lynn Jones, Linda Cook, Bill Hodge, Gary Loftin, Lanell Landry, Michael Thibodeaux, Dot Lundin, Jim Martin, Carol Jones, Carolyn Ryland, ElRay Lemoine, Cliff Dressel, and Darlene Landry. Also present, Debbie Hudnall, Executive Director and Randy Zinna, Attorney.

The invocation was given by Michael Thibodeaux and Lynn Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louie Bernard made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of Wednesday, May 13, 2009, as presented. The motion was seconded by Michael Thibodeaux. **Motion carried.**

COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT

President Robby Barousse was very pleased to inform the Board that the HB150, a local bill for Acadia parish and Iberia parish, had passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – (Report on file in office)

Bill Hodge reported for the months of April, May and June. The **Louisiana Clerks of Court Association's** Income Statement for 10 months ending **April 30, 2009** shows the Total Assets was \$421,851.00. Bill further reported the total revenue for the month of **April** was \$48,678.86 and total expenses of \$27,697.29 leaving a net income of \$20,981.57 and the Year to Date Net Income of \$116,845.16. Total revenue for the month of **May** was \$42,406.70 with total expenses \$44,561.21 leaving a net loss of \$2,154.51 and Year to Date Net Income of \$114,690.75. For the month of **June**, the total revenue was \$50,877.50 and total expenses \$44,976.75 leaving a net income of \$5,900.75 and Year to Date Net Income of \$121,253.44 with a fund balance of \$459,025.82.

The **Louisiana Clerks Legal Fund** Balance Sheet of **April 30, 2009** shows Retained Earnings of \$256,535.93 and net income of \$161,541.05 leaving total assets of \$418,076.98. The income for the month of **April** was \$38,088.34. The Balance sheet for the month ending **May 31, 2009** shows total assets of \$381,290.49 and the Income Statement shows total Income of \$36,495.60 and total expenses of \$73,282.09 for a net loss of \$36,786.49 with the Year to Date Net Income of \$124,754.56. The Balance sheet for the month of **June 2009** shows total assets of \$274,402.78 and the Income Statement showing total income of \$1,089.01 and total expenses \$17,687.34 with a net loss of \$116,598.33 and Year to Date Net Income of \$8,156.23.

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Motion to accept the Financial Reports made by Carolyn Ryland and seconded by Jim Martin. **Motion Carried**

ATTORNEY-FEE LITIGATION

Randy Zinna informed the Board that the Judge did not approve the settlement as it had been presented. Mr. Zinna had to bring McGlinchey Law Firm back in to help organize some the most important things, but he is still taking the lead most of the time. There will be a conference on August 11th. There will be more information known this week for the six parishes that are remaining in the suit. Mr. Zinna assured the Board that those parishes out of suit are definitely not included anymore.

BOARD REPORTS

Retirement and Relief Fund – Board of Trustees – President Robby Barousse reported the Retirement Fund was up about 9% because of the boost in the stock market and it is anticipated to continue to increase. He reported that the Board had accepted the recommendation of the Investment Committee to hire Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA) as a new Emerging Market money manager. He further reported that Gary Curran, the actuary, said employer contributions could possibly be as high as 19% by July 1, 2010.

Supplemental Compensation Board – Gary Loftin reported that the Supplemental Compensation had an increase in revenue and had a positive cash flow.

LACCRMA – Mark Graffeo reported that there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow afternoon to discuss hiring an attorney or law firm to help with employment practices and will have more to report next board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2009 Convention Report – Debbie Hudnall reported on behalf of Mr. Sullivan that there was a surplus of \$6,000.00 from the convention and the check had been forwarded to the Association.

2010 Convention Report – Debbie Hudnall reported that a report will be given at the Institute in the Clerk's only meeting.

Education Committee Report – Bill Hodge reported that the next Institute will be at the Embassy Suites, August 18th – August 21st. Louie Bernard resigned from the Education Committee.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Debbie informed the Board that she is now a resident of Baton Rouge and informed the Board that everything is going great at the Association office. Angela and Evie have stepped up to the plate and doing extra work to fill in the gap after Dannette retired May 31st. Although a pay raise had not been included in the budget, she had given them a small increase in salary that stayed within the guidelines of the budget.

LEGISLATION – Debbie will not report on Legislation today, a copy is included in the report that will be discussed at the Clerks institute coming up. Debbie included a copy of the annual estimate of population for Parishes in Louisiana for April 1, 2000 – July 1, 2008.

Debbie reminded the Board that any proposed legislation for additional court costs had to be submitted to the Judicial Council by October 1st according to Justice Kimball. The Board asked Debbie to send letter to Justice Kimble to inform her that clerks are working on bills but can't have that ready by October 1st.

GASB 45 - Debbie informed the Board that Bonnie Albritton would be contacting them in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Louie Bernard issued an invitation to everyone to Natchitoches for the December Board meetings. Wednesday, December 9th will be the Retirement Board meeting and on Wednesday evening a dinner, Thursday morning at 10:00, Clerks only meeting and on Thursday afternoon - the Board of Directors will meet. Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. the Insurance Board will meet. He suggested they go to the web site cityoflights.com for making reservations at B&B's.

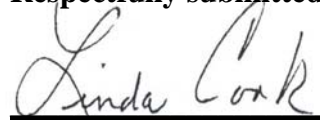
COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Debbie encouraged comments from the Board Members. Discussion of minutes being e-mailed instead of mailed.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Loftin moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Cliff Dressel. **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Linda Cook, Secretary