

Approved Board Minutes

**LOUISIANA CLERKS OF COURT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009
9:00 AM
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA**

The Louisiana Clerks of Court Board of Directors met on the above date with the following members present: President Michael Thibodeaux, Robby Barousse, Louie Bernard, Mark Graffeo, Linda Cook, Bill Hodge, Lynn Jones, Louis Perret, Jim Martin, Edmond Kinler, Dot Lundin, Diane Meaux Broussard, Lanell Landry, ElRay Lemoine, Christine Crow and Tom Sullivan. Also present: Debbie Hudnall, Executive Director and Randy Zinna, Attorney. Guest present: Allan Blanchard and Felicia Hendl .

The invocation was given by Diane Broussard and Louie Bernard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Louis Perret made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of December 2, 2008, as presented. The motion was seconded by Bill Hodge.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT

President Michael Thibodeaux welcomed everyone to New Iberia and hoped everyone enjoyed their stay.

FINANCIAL REPORT- (Report on file in office)

Bill Hodge reported that the total fund balance as of November 30, 2008 was \$390,217; the total fund balance for December 31, 2008 was \$382,428; and total fund balance as January 31, 2009 was \$373,487. Bill pointed out to the board the 2008 convention receipts income in December of \$11,089.25 resulted in a boost in our income for that month. The net income for the year to date is \$69,360.29. Bill further reported that Louisiana Clerks Legal Fund balance sheet for November 30, 2008 showed a fund balance of \$399,701.07; the December 31, 2008 balance sheet showed a fund balance of \$256,535.93 and the January 31, 2009 balance sheet showed a fund balance of \$210,098. Mark Graffeo made a motion to receive the reports and Robbie Barousse seconded.

Motion Carried.

FEE LITIGATION

Randy Zinna gave an update on the fee litigation and reported he hoped to have a dismissal with prejudice for all but 6 parishes. Discussion was held about a Clerk's only meeting on Civil fees. After discussion, Clerk's only meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and Civil and Criminal deputies meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

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Randy reminded everyone that the Financial Disclosure forms will be due May 15, 2009, and as soon as forms are approved they would be forwarded to the clerks. If you file for an extension of your Federal Tax Return, you can file a form with the Ethics Board notifying them that you have filed that extension, and then the financial disclosure forms would not be due until 30 days after the Federal Tax Return is filed. The tax return due date would then be October 15, making the Financial Disclosure due November 15.

BOARD REPORTS

Insurance Report - President Thibodeaux reported a possible increase of 13% to 15% on the health insurance.

Retirement and Relief Fund – Board of Trustees – President Thibodeaux reported the total assets of the Retirement System as of January 31, 2009 were approximately \$255,000,000. He reported that the Retirement Board had voted to increase the employer contribution by 3% effective July 1, 2009, if proposed legislation was passed that would allow the 3% increase to be applied toward the 2010 employer contribution.

Supplemental Compensation Board – Debbie Hudnall reported that the number of suit records is down. She reported that the Supplemental Fund was averaging income of about \$104,000 per month and expending about \$107,000 per month. She informed the Board that if the number of suits does not increase, it could possibly mean that the supplemental checks would have to be decreased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Report – Bill Hodge reports that February 6 institute in Marksville had 165 participants. The total expenses were \$34,452.00 and revenue was \$40,305.00 with a net profit of \$5,852.00. The profit has been given to the Association. Louisiana Clerks of Court Association treasury has received from this program \$48,800 since the inception.

2009 Convention Report – Tom Sullivan reports that 35 of 75 Parishes have registered and the agenda will be sent out soon.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Debbie reported that the nominating committee would be held immediately following the Clerks' Only meeting at the Convention in April. The Board members in the even numbered districts would be up for election along with the Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Historian. The chairman of the nominating committee is Robby Barousse. Debbie also reported that Gary Loftin's and Willie Deon's terms were up on the Supplemental Board, but they both would be willing to serve again. She said the Board of Directors are to make the appointment.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Louie Bernard thanked President Thibodeaux for his planning and hospitality for the New Iberia meetings and thanked him for being a conscientious President of the Association. Louie thanked him for wanting to do the right thing and remembering that he was not the President of just this Parish, this group or just this area, but he is the President of the entire Association. President Thibodeaux was commended for being a great President this past year.

President Thibodeaux thanked everyone for the honor of serving as President and thanked everyone for their participation during the year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The next Board Meeting is scheduled in Baton Rouge on May 14, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Hodge moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jim Martin. **Motion Carried.**



LINDA COOK
SECRETARY



MICHAEL THIBODEAUX
PRESIDENT