

A meeting of the Executive Board was held at the Bacci Grill in Cromwell, Ct. on February 9, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 11:41 AM by President Joe Camposeo. Those in attendance were J. Camposeo, J. Mascena, C. Nurmi, W. Hamel, B. Barrett, C. Keily, C. Lee, C. Brouwer, J. Quartiero (Incoming Vendor Chair), P. Spruance, P. Strauss, V. Salisbury, M. Grande, J. Angelini, P. Ray and A. Pier(new Education Chair).

Minutes: A motion was made by W. Hamel and seconded by P. Spruance to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2010 meeting. All in favor. A motion was made by V. Salisbury and seconded by C. Lee to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2011 electronic vote meeting. All in favor.

Treasurers Report: W. Hamel presented a report regarding the Vendor Scholarship Program. General Code has proposed a \$250.00 scholarship to be awarded at the next two conferences. This scholarship will now become the vendor prize. Every Clerk in attendance will be given a ticket with the opportunity to win this prize which will be applied to registration and room reservation at the following conference. As of January 31, 2011, there is a balance of \$81,123.75 in all the accounts. Bill is working on next year's budget and any requests for this budget need to be submitted soon. He is working to have a zero increase in the bottom line of the budget. A motion was made by M. Grande and seconded by P. Ray to file the report for audit.

Legislative Report: Joe asked to amend the agenda to allow the Legislative Report to be held before other items to allow Patty Strauss to leave for a Legislative meeting. All in favor. Patty reported that the session is open and bills are being raised. There are several technical bills being supported by the Association – i.e. candidates names on ballots, explanatory text to be responsibility of the Registrars of Voters. We will consider raising the hand held scanner repeal bill again. We are prepared to discuss no excuse Absentee Ballots and early voting. We are still trying to raise certain fees and will be concentrating on raising the following fees: Liquor Permit from \$2.00 to \$20.00, Misc. Document filing from \$5.00 to \$20.00, Map Filing & Indexing from \$10.00 to \$20.00, Notary Public Oath & Commission Filing from \$10.00 to \$20.00, Notary Public Character Certification from \$2.00 to \$5.00, Marriage License Fee from \$10.00 to \$30.00, Burial or Burial Transit Removal/Disinterment Permit from \$3.00 to \$5.00, Cremation Permit from \$3.00 to \$5.00 and Land Recording Fees from \$53.00 to \$60.00 which would earmark \$5.00 to Town Clerk and \$2.00 to State Librarian for technology enhancements. The Legislative reception will be held on May 26, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm at the State Capitol. The Legislature is in session at that time and it is hoped that will help with Legislators attendance at this reception. P. Strauss left the meeting at 12:30 PM.

President Report: Joe reported that the appeal of the FOI decision prohibiting the use of the flat bed scanner was denied by the FOI Commission. The case then went to the Superior Court

who upheld the denial decision. There was a request for a re-hearing which was also denied. This case may be appealed again. Joe spoke with LeAnn Power regarding the use of scanners. Some Clerks are allowing the use of flat bed scanners and cameras. Only hand held scanners are allowed and nothing else. Solidarity by the Clerks is needed. At the request of the Board Joe will be sending a letter to all Clerks on this matter. There are no by-law changes expected for the next conference. County Vice-Presidents need to be elected by the end of March and their names submitted to the President as soon as possible. A decision will be forthcoming from the Supreme Court regarding a process to redact certain addresses (police, judges, correction officers, etc.) from public viewing. The Association will hold discussions with any group (title searchers, CADIC, Attorneys) to inform them of the potential issues regarding these redactions and try to get their support regarding this issue.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Legislative Report: See above

Conference Update: Spring conference will be held April 13 – April 15 at the Hartford Marriott with Hartford County Clerks hosting. Preliminary registration forms are available online. The September conference will be held at Waters Edge in Westbrook. Waters Edge has guaranteed us the same room rate for the next three years. The theme for the spring conference is *Town Clerks Make it Happen Just Like Magic*. The room rate is \$140 per night and there is a charge of \$19/day for parking.

Executive Board Transition: Joe has been working with Joyce Mascena to be sure there is a smooth transition to the new Board.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee was charged with presenting a new slate of officers at the spring conference. The nominating committee met (the remainder of the Board recessed while this meeting took place) and once the entire board returned the following slate was presented: President – Joyce Mascena, 1st Vice-President – Patty Strauss; 2nd Vice-President – Patricia Spruance, Treasurer – William Hamel, Assistant Treasurer – Betsy Barrett, Secretary – Paula Ray and Assistant Secretary – Joan Angelini

Agnes Pier left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Other: A discussion was held regarding a PREP Chapter through PRIA. Having this would allow us to receive assistance with different issues. Information could be distributed through County meetings. Joyce Mascena and Joe Camposeo are attending the PRIA conference in March and will bring back more information for the Association.

Joe Quartiero left the meeting at 2:05.

Being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn was made by M. Grande and seconded by P. Spruance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine S. Nurmi

Secretary.