



**LINCOLN LEGAL
PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 23, 2020**

The regular Board Meeting of Lincoln Legal Professionals Association was held on January 23, 2020 at The Mill Coffee at Telegraph, with the following members present: Rae Wulf Schmidt, Alicia Hunt, Kathy Eidenmiller, Morgan Myers, Sheila Anderson, and Debra Lundberg.

Rae Wulf Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of the November 21, 2019 minutes:

The November meeting minutes were approved via email.

Pending Business:

LLPA Bylaw & Standing Rule Changes:
(TABLED UNTIL NLPA DISBANDMENT)

Lunch & Learn Event Form finalization: Rae Wulf Schmidt presented the form to the Board. The Board discussed some revisions and Rae Wulf Schmidt will revise the form accordingly and put it into publication.

New Business:

LincolNotes revision: After extensive discussion, the board decided against continuing to issue a monthly newsletter, in order to streamline communication with members regarding events, meetings, interesting articles, birthdays, etc. Board

meeting minutes will be available each month online, rather than published monthly in a newsletter, a link to which will be included in the monthly board meeting invitation sent out to the membership. A quarterly newsletter will be issued by the newly named Program & Publications committee/chairperson, who will be issuing the newsletter and other event emails to the membership. See further details in the "Program Chair position necessity" report.

Program Chair position necessity:

Discussion was had on the Program Chair position. The Board agreed to revise the position to Program & Publications Chair. This position will be in charge of communicating with members hosting the monthly meetings, creating flyers/publications and will also absorb the LincolNotes committee position to include quarterly publication of a newsletter and articles.

Scholarship Chair position open: The current Chair resigned. Sheila Anderson will serve as Interim Scholarship Chair.

Scholarship change with dissolution of NLPA:

Discussion was had on the 2021-2022 LLPA scholarship. LLPA would offer two scholarships – one to a current student and one to a member of LLPA for continued education. Rae Wulf Schmidt motioned for one scholarship for current students and one scholarship for members of LLPA for 2021-2022 and forward. Kathy Eidenmiller seconded. The motion carried. Details to be worked out before the 2021 scholarship season. The Board would like to make it clear that the 2020-2021 scholarship funds raised will be used strictly for a scholarship for current/new students, as advertised by the raffle and the letter writing campaign in 2019, so that donations from individuals and groups are

being used for the purpose they were originally intended, and not misappropriated for a new/different scholarship program.

Scholarship Letter Writing Campaign 2020:

Discussion: Discussion was had on this year's letter and raffle campaign. LLPA sent out 14 letters and received \$1,000 in donations. The LLPA raffle received \$328.00. The Board discussed a summer and winter campaign. Our sponsor list could be added to the website, quarterly newsletter and Awards Night program. Details to be worked out.

Reports:

Vice President: Morgan Myers. *Report:* Remaining membership budget: \$1,066.46

Treasurer: Alicia Hunt. Alicia presented her Financial Reports for December 2019 and January 2020. The same is subject to audit.

Chapter Representative: (Rae Wulf Schmidt - Interim). No report.

Program: Position to be changed to Program & Publications. See above reports in "New Business".

Service and Charitable: Kathy Eidenmiller. *Report:* In January, we have one last volunteer in training with CASA of Lancaster County. We wish Deb Wilson all the best and will announce the swearing in date and time once it is confirmed so that LLPA members wishing to show support of her achievement can attend.

Going forward into 2020, we are exploring several opportunities to serve, which I'm excited to tell you about! So far, we have:

- UNL College of Law Trial Advocacy Class – Witnesses needed (April 4 and April 19)
- UNL College of Law Pre-Litigation Class – Deponents needed (Week of April 7 and April 14)
- Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build (entire month of May!)
- Flood Clean Up/Recovery efforts in the Fremont area (Spring)
- Relay for Life (June 27)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (July and/or November)

Please feel free to forward any suggestions/connections you may have to me; I will explore them.

Discussion: There has also been some interest in sending Valentine's Day cards to a nursing home or kid's hospital. Kathy is working on something for March. Kathy should have more information on the Women's Build and Department of Veterans Affairs events soon.

Fundraising: Beth Christ. No report.

Awards: Tina Scully. *Report:* I have reached out to Windsor Stable to reserve April 9th. This is Holy Thursday and Lincoln Bar Association's Annual Business Meeting which we have experienced a lower turn-out in the past. Do we want to change the date? If so, what other date are we looking at? I have a conflict with the following Thursday, April 16th that I cannot get out of, but not that I am the sole person for this event, but if I am helping organize the event I would feel bad I was not there to help. Is there any reason why we can't do it either Tuesday the 7th or Wednesday the 8th? I know we try and keep it the same date as our general meeting, but that doesn't always work.

Discussion: The Board agrees the date needs to be moved. Rae Wulf Schmidt will

confirm with Tina that April 23rd would be available. If so, the April Board Meeting will move to April 30.

Legal Professional of the Year: Shannon Draper. No report.

Boss of the Year: Diane Henninger. *Report:* Yesterday (1/22), I mailed and emailed letters to Judge Cheuvront, Judge Kulwicki (Ct. Referee), and Kathryn Bellman. Today (1/23) Kathryn Bellman responded that she will participate again. I will work on a flyer and Nomination form for the submission for February LincolNotes (by Monday to Lori). Deadline is March 1st. I can send reminder emails to the LLPA members to submit their bosses, etc.; and send thank you letters afterwards.

LincolNotes: Lori McGowan. *Report:* Lori needs the information for the notes by the Monday following the board meeting.

Scholarship: (Sheila Anderson - Interim). No report. *Discussion:* The Board discussed the 2020-2021 LLPA scholarship amount. Alicia Hunt presented the Financial Reports. Kathy Eidenmiller motioned for the 2020-2021 LLPA scholarship to be in the amount of \$1,500. Alicia Hunt seconded. The motion carried.

Website: Alicia Hunt. *Report:* If you have any pictures from the Holiday party, please get them to me so I can put them on the website.

Parliamentarian: Carol Paige. *Previous Report:* Kathy Eidenmiller, Tiny Scully and I will work on revamping the Bylaws and Standing Rules due to the dissolution of NLPA. However, we will probably not work on this until after the first of the year.

Media: Vickie Starr. No report.

Audit: Kathy Eidenmiller and Sheila Anderson. No report.

Nominations and Elections: Beth Christ. No report.

Next Board Meeting: February 20, 2020, at The Mill Coffee at Telegraph, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: At 7:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Debra Lundberg, Secretary