

LINCOLN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 25, 2019

The regular Board Meeting of Lincoln Legal Professionals Association was held on April 25, 2019, at Woods & Aitken, LLP, with the following members present: Morgan Myers, Alicia Hunt, Tina Scully, and Debra Lundberg.

Morgan Myers called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Approval of the March 28, 2019 minutes:

The March meeting minutes were approved via email.

Unfinished Business:

Membership drive: See Vice President's report.

New Business:

Bosses' Night Discussion/Cancellation Policy (Tina Scully): Tina clarifies that she would like to look into renaming Bosses' Night as "Awards Night" or something that accurately portrays that we do more than just honoring a boss. This discussion is tabled.

Reports:

Vice President: Morgan Myers. There are two new members. I have been planning the 2019 (New) Member Meet & Greet! Have the Foundry booked for May 30, 2019 from 11:30-1:30. We have decided to reschedule the May Meet & Greet from May 16th to May 30th for a variety of reasons. Still going with the panel discussion idea with the board members and committee chairs/members! We received feedback from last year's meeting that the networking aspect was very lacking. I want to ramp up this year and get more familiar with our members through this event and also allow potential members the opportunity to learn and ask question about what LLPA is and what we do. I think we need to have a structured time of speaking about LLPA and then an open forum time for questions. At the end, I'd like to open the floor for comments from members/potential members about what they'd like to see happen with LLPA this year! I want to get some sincere feedback about what our members are interested in and motivated by – I think we need to start taking member feedback seriously to help us be a better and more relevant organization! I'm excited for the event and looking forward to it. Food is not finalized yet. We are going to send out postcards to local law firms to help publicize.

Treasurer: Alicia Hunt. Alicia presented her Financial Report for April 2019. Alicia will do future reports with financial information through the Monday of the week of the board meeting so that the numbers are more accurate.

Chapter Representative: *Position Open*

Program: *Position Open*

Charitable: Kathy Eidenmiller. No report.

Fundraising: Beth Christ. No report.

Awards: Tina Scully. Bosses Night Banquet was held on April 11, 2019 at Windsor Stables. We had 70 attendees. The night started out with the installation of the new officers for 2019-2020 as follows: President: Rae Wulf Schmidt; Vice President: Morgan Myers; Secretary: Debra Lundberg; Treasurer: Alicia Hunt; and Parliamentarian: Carol Paige. Awards were then presented to our scholarship winner, Legal Professional of the Year and Boss of the Year. Tina will revise her financial report for Bosses' Night.

Legal Professional of the Year: Vickie Starr. I received eight (8) nomination letters for this year's LLPA LPOTY. Seven letters were sent to the judges with each nominee's personal data sheet. One nominee failed to respond or submit her personal data sheet. The judges were Tasha Everman, Assistant Dean and Director of Career Development at the Nebraska College of Law, Carole McMahon-Boies, Administrator Attorney Services Division at the Nebraska Supreme Court, and John E. Anderson, Baird Family Professor of Economics at the University of Nebraska, College of Business. Judge Anderson attended the banquet, and \$25 gift cards were mailed to the other two. All three Judge's returned their ballots. A point system was used to determine the winner from the Judge's ballots. The 2019 LPOTY is Shannon Draper of Woods & Aitken LLP. A write up and picture was emailed to Lori McGowan for LincolnNotes and submitted to LJS for publication in the Neighborhood Watch section, which was published on 4/20/2019.

Boss of the Year: Robin Neumeier. There were eight nominations submitted for Boss of the Year 2019 and William E. Olson, Jr., of Olson Zalewski Wynner was selected as the winner. He was nominated by Diane Henninger. The three judges were the Honorable Jeffrey Chevront, Kathryn Bellman, and Glenda Pierce. None of the judges were able to attend the dinner, so a \$25 gift card to Lazlo's/Fireworks was mailed to each of them. An article and picture of the Boss of the Year, Legal Professional of the Year, and Scholarship recipient were published in the Journal Star Neighborhood Extra on 4/20/19.

LincolnNotes: Lori McGowan. Lori needs the following for the newsletter: president's letter, flyer for Meet & Greet, financial report, April Meeting Minutes (once approved).

Scholarship: Sheila Anderson. No report.

Website: Alicia Hunt. I think we should make our own website, free of NLPA, OLPA is already in that process and it's hard to share (we lose PayPal features, etc.) If we want to create our own Wix website separate from NLPA (especially since it might disband) a domain name comes free with a Wix paid account for a year, then is \$15/year after. (GoDaddy is \$2.99 for the first year, \$17.99 for the second (must be purchased together.) LincolnLegalProfessionals.com is available. Wix DOES have a free plan, it has Wix ads all over that make your website look like it's a marketing PowerPoint plus you're limited to how many people can view your website per day. We could always try the free version until we're limited on capabilities/NLPA disappears then decide on a paid plan...but here's the pricing and features: (see attached).

Parliamentarian: Carol Paige. No report.

Media: Vickie Starr. Pictures were taken at the LLPA Bosses' Night Banquet and distributed the next day to Rae Wulf Schmidt, President, and Alicia Hunt, Website/Social Media. A select group of photos were also shared with Diane Henninger, the new Boss of the Year Chair. LLPA photos from the fiscal year 2018-19 were also included in the 2019 Yearbook to be presented to the NLPA President at the annual convention.

Audit: Kathy Eidenmiller and Sheila Anderson. Tabled.

Nominations and Elections: Beth Christ. No report.

Convention: Rae Wulf Schmidt. Convention and the subsequent banquet and awards ceremony is this weekend, April 26-28. We have six desserts donated for the dessert auction to take place at the banquet, and Tina Scully will see if Michele Walker is available to take over her job of running the raffle fundraiser. The Friday night social will take place in the lobby lounge of the Hilton, with Saturday's and Sunday's events all taking place in the Husker Conference Room.

Next Board Meeting: May 23, 2019, at Woods & Aitken, 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment: At 12:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Debra Lundberg, Secretary