



Association of Legal Administrators

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2009

Headliners Club 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

PRESIDENT REPORT - Amanda Koplos

The National Association has looked into the many inquiries regarding membership qualifications from lots of Chapters in the organization. ALA let us know last month that Angie Kalsbeck and Brenda Barnes are no longer eligible for membership. Amanda Koplos sent out the ALA Bylaws that reflected the eligibility requirements for members to the Chapter in May. According to those bylaws, Angie Kalsbeck and Brenda Barnes do not work for one single law firm, and therefore are ineligible. We are sad to see them leave the Chapter and ALA but we will keep in touch with them as we can.

Our Chapter Bylaws state that we must have a Past-President Officer on the Board and Angie Kalsbeck is no longer eligible. Toni Beasley has agreed to fulfill that position for another year. We thank Toni for her continued service to the Chapter and on the Board.

Save the Date: The Chapter Retreat will be at the Marriott Horseshoe Bay and Resort September 18th and 19th. Please look out for a Save the Date from Amanda Koplos and James Cornell soon.

Guests this month: Lou O'Hanlon, Firm Administrator of Germer Gertz Beaman & Brown, LLP and Daniel Resendiz, Office Manager with Alexander Dubose & Townsend LLP.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bar Liaison: Toni Beasley

The Austin Bar Association had their last meeting of the year. It was just a cocktail hour where awards were presented and the new board announced. The next board meeting will be held in August, which will be their Board Retreat. The new Board is:

President: Ann Greenberg (Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge & Gallegos, P.C.)

President Elect: David Whittlesey (Andrews Kurth LLP)

Past President: Robert O'Boyle (Strasburger & Price, LLP)

Secretary: David Chamberlain (Chamberlain McHaney)

Treasurer: Lance Sharp (The Sharp Firm)

Business Partner Relations Committee: Tina Ross

We have 13 vendors registered for the Expo (6 have paid). We have 2 Diamond Sponsor (thank you Dahill & Bergstrom Daywood), 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 5 Bronze. Amanda will send out the second email blast on Friday afternoon, which will target folks that did not participate in last year's Expo.

Communications: Bill Elkjer

No report at this time.

Community Relations: Peggy Shaw

We are checking with Communities in Schools to see what our options are for taking on another Extreme Makeover Project this fall. A Committee meeting will be held within a few weeks to discuss what we want to do for our CCW project (Extreme Makeover or something else).

Compensation and Benefits Committee: Chris Sims

The 2009-2010 survey will be launched soon. It has been set up and should be available to our membership on or about July 1. This means the results could be available as early as August 1 assuming all goes well with the launch and participation is high.



Membership Committee: Marti Lozano

The committee is planning a *Buddy* Happy Hour for those that signed up to be buddies to new members. The date is Wednesday, July 15th at Cork & Co from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Marti is also following up with 3 members who have not paid their local membership dues yet.

Newsletter Committee: Debbie Roan

Newsletter content is almost complete. The template is ready and the committee is waiting on training for uploading the articles. More than likely the newsletter will be distributed the last week of June.

Website Committee: Chris Bhamani

The vendor registration is up and active. Barbara Mullen has joined the committee and will be helping me maintain the site.

Diana Stangl announced the Chapter Meeting Sponsor:

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State Bar of Texas
Laura Angle, Firm & Group Sales Representative
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SPEAKERS

An interactive presentation on Human Resource Issues: sex, lies and generational challenges for our "make believe" law firm administrator and cast of characters. The cast included:

Debbie Roan as "Anita Break" as the Firm Administrator with the law firm of Dewey Cheatum & Howe LLP who has a heck of a day dealing with "people" issues and in doing so creates her own set of problems.



Bonnie Zook as “Iwana Tellusomthin” as the law firm quite mouse who gusters up her courage to talk to “Anita Break” about a sexual harassment issue.

Mary Smith as “Imma Whiner” as the law firm busy body and snitch.

Cara Mueller as “Anita Tension” as the law firm hard working younger employee who thinks the rules are breakable because of her good work.

Bill Elkjer as “Larry Cheatum” as the one of the Founding Partners of Dewey Cheatum & Howe LLP who runs into some trouble of his own flirting and messing around with Anita Tension.

What a day for Anita Break. She breaks confidentiality and the law and we need your help in resolving the issues properly!

(NO HANDOUTS)

