



Secretary's Minutes

Annual Meeting

June 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

- The Terre Haute Bar Association Annual Business Meeting was held at the Terre Haute Brewery located at 401 S. 9th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47807, Phone: 812-814-3071. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Paul Jungers at the Terre Haute Brewing Company, 401 S. 9th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.
- A quorum was found to be present. The following members were in attendance: Paul Jungers, Jared Farnsworth, Tricia Rose Tanoos, Scott Craig, Hon. Phil Adler, Gus Tabor, Chris Wall, TC Clary, Adrian Polit, Mike Ireland, Darwinson Valdez, David Bolk, Blake Reed, Jeff Lewellyn, and Jim Walker.
- Prior to the start of the business meeting, Adrian Polit introduced a guest, Mr. Sylvester Edwards, President of the Greater Terre Haute Chapter of the NAACP.

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome & Year in Review

- President Paul Jungers welcomed members and the guest to the Terre Haute Bar Association Annual Meeting. Paul noted that the Association was very active this past year. Paul thanked Jim Walker for his work and support this year as Coordinator of the THBA. Paul thanked Noah Gambill and Rala Williams for their work organizing and leading the **Talk to a Lawyer** program held last Fall at the Vigo County Public Library. Several members of the THBA met individually with the public to answer legal questions for them.
- Paul thanked Mike Ireland, Noah Gambill, and Michel Starkey for their service as delegates to the **Indiana State Bar Association**, and for their reports of the activities of the ISBA.

- Once again, the THBA hosted local video replay CLE programs in the Fall and Winter of 2017, permitting our members the opportunity to earn continuing education without traveling substantial distances.
- A fun social event for our members was held in December 2017. Members of the THBA and their spouses were welcomed into the home of William and Katie Tanoos who hosted the THBA **Christmas party** in December. The party was well attended, and Paul wished to extend his thanks to William and Katie for hosting the holiday get together.
- Paul expressed his thanks to Craig McKee, Bob Kondras and Jessie Cook who organized a **Memorial Ceremony** for the Honorable Larry J. McKinney, Senior U.S. District Court Judge, and the Honorable Denise K. LaRue, U.S. Magistrate Judge. The ceremony was held at the U.S. Courthouse in Terre Haute on March 8, 2018. The Honorable Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge, and all of the Judges of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana and other distinguished members of the federal court family attended the ceremony. Members of the Terre Haute Bar Association filled the gallery to show their respect and appreciation for Judge McKinney and Judge LaRue.
- Paul thanked Scott Craig for organizing an one (1) hour CLE **Legislative Update** program in April. Two area legislators, State Rep. Al Morrison & State Sen. Jon Ford, & State Senate Majority Leader Roderick Bray participated in a panel discussion regarding new laws of interest to the legal community with approximately 30 lawyers who attended the program, which was cosponsored by the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. The THBA became a member of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce this year, which allows the THBA to partner with the Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring events such as the legislative update and to use their facilities and services for the upcoming Continuing Legal Education programs this fall.
- The final project the Terre Haute Bar Association conducted this year was the mock trial project for middle school students in Woodrow Wilson and Honey Creek Middle Schools. More than 500 students, 100 adult volunteers, including 28 members of the Terre Haute Bar Association came together to participate in mock trials in every Vigo County adult courtroom on May 4, 2018. Volunteer attorneys visited the schools several times to teach the students about the American legal system and to prepare the students for the mock trials. Paul thanked the Mock Trial Committee, led by Tricia Rose Tanoos, and its members Jim Walker, Kim Jackson, the Honorable Lucky Reddy, Matt Effner, and Rob Roberts. Ivy Tech Community College donated printing of all the

educational materials used in the project, and the Federal Bar Association provided lunch for all the adult volunteers on the day of the mock trials.

- Paul concluded his remarks by thanking all the members of the Board, Scott Craig, Hon. Phil Adler, Tricia Rose Tanoos, Jared Farnsworth, and Craig McKee.

Agenda Item #2 - Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Jared Farnsworth stated that 77% of the THBA's revenue this past year came from membership dues, 5% came from donations from members who are exempt from payment of dues, and 18% came from fees earned from our hosting of CLE presentations. On the expenditure side, 55.6% was spent on wages, taxes, etc., 25% miscellaneous expenses such as postage, Chamber of Commerce dues and the holiday party in December 2017, and 16% on printing. Jared also presented his written Treasurer's Report which showed a checking account balance of \$5,979.06 on hand as of 6/3/2018. Jared had also received from the Terre Haute Community Foundation a Statement of Quarterly Fund Activity for the Terre Haute Bar Association Endowment Fund for the period from 11/18 to 3/31/18. The ending Fund balance as of 3/31/18 was \$7,331.52, and the balance available to grant was \$2,244.02.
- Tricia Rose Tanoos moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Paul Jungers seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Secretary's Report

Secretary Tricia Rose Tanoos note that when she first started as Secretary, we often had difficulty getting a quorum for our meetings. She was happy to report that in 2018, we have only had one meeting at which we did not have a quorum to do business. That meeting was May 3, the day before many members of the THBA were going to be volunteering to participate in the middle school mock trial competition. Because we couldn't conduct business at the May 3 meeting, she prepared notes rather than minutes for that gathering. Tricia presented those notes as well as her Secretary's Minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting. Mike Ireland moved that the Minutes of the April meeting be approved. The motion was duly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. [Important Note: The THBA Bylaws were amended at the April 5, 2018 meeting.]

OLD BUSINESS

See Agenda Item #1

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Items #4 and #5 - Nomination Committee Report and Election of Officers

Under the Article IV of the THBA Bylaws, as amended on April 5, 2018, the only two offices up for election are the newly-created position of Judicial Representative and Vice President. TC Clary reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of the Hon. Chris Newton, Mike Nasser, and himself as Chairman, nominate the Hon. David Bolk to serve as the Judicial Representative, and Blake Reed to serve as Vice President. The floor was opened to nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor having been heard, it was moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The motion carried and David Bolk was elected to the position of Judicial Representative and Blake Reed to the position of Vice President.

Agenda Item # 6 - Incoming President Preview of Upcoming Year

- Incoming President Scott Craig presented outgoing President Paul Jungers with an award recognizing and thanking him for his leadership of the Association for the past year. Scott also thanked out-going Vice President the Hon. Phil Adler for his many years of service to the Association.
- Traditionally, the Association has not held business meetings in the summer months. Our next regular meeting will be held in September 2018. Scott stated that the Board of Directors will meet in the next month or so to plan for the upcoming year, but he hopes that we will continue all the projects that we engaged in this year.

Comments from Guest

- Sylvester Edwards, President of the Greater Terre Haute Branch of the NAACP discussed their organization's Legal Redress Committee. They are looking for local attorneys who would be willing to either serve on a case review committee or who would be willing to receive client referrals for legal redress complaints. More information can be found on their website, www.naacpterrehaute.org. [Also, a copy of a letter from the NAACP was attached to the email notification of this evening's meeting.]

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, which motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.
- The next regular meeting will be in September, 2018, but the exact date, time and place of which will be determined a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



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