

**Smith County Bar Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2016 Start Time: 12:15 pm End Time: 1:10 pm
Genecov Room, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce**

<u>Members present:</u> Amy Ames Dana Bias Patricia Coplan Shannon Dacus Diane DeVasto Daniel Montgomery Ruth Yeager Deborah Race Andy Tindel Tim Simpson	<u>Also present:</u> John Berry- Immediate Past President Carol Moylan Cristy Arscott	<u>Members Absent:</u> Andrew Adams Bryan Campbell Bill Cornelius Dawn Franks Jennifer Gaston Michael Gross David Hudson Laura Jackson Judge Kennedy Gary Landers Kelly Pace Nancy Rangel
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Issue	Action	Those Responsible	Due Dates	Follow Up Required
<p>CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION Andy Tindel called the meeting to order. John Berry gave the invocation.</p>				
<p>PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING Andy noted the recent attendance of members at monthly meetings and stressed the importance of attendance. The Board is to consider the Justinian Award recipient for 2017. Nominees from last year are Mike McNally and Clyde Davis, and nominations for this year are Judge Bill Bass, Jerry Bain, Trey Yarbrough and Gary Jackson. He reported that the Board had offered to host a reception for the Texas Bar</p>				

<p>Foundation Board's meeting in January in Tyler but nothing has been confirmed.</p>				
<p>BYLAWS Andy stated that work on the ByLaws continues. The ByLaws Revision Committee is to meet again, and a draft will be tweaked and distributed before the next meeting.</p>				<p>December meeting</p>
<p>JUSTINIAN HONOREE FOR 2017 Andy opened a discussion of the nominees for the Justinian Award and requested that Board members speak on their behalf. A discussion of the merits of each nominee followed. David Hudson is to be contacted to notify Justice Bass about the award at the appropriate time before Law Day. It was recommended that Mike McNally be nominated by the Board for the Award of Excellence.</p>	<p>The Board unanimously voted to present the 2017 Justinian Award to Justice Bill Bass.</p>	<p>Shannon moved and Amy Ames seconded</p>		
<p>STRATEGIC PLANNING On behalf of the Fellows Committee, Shannon Dacus reported that they are working on a reception event for the spring for the Fellows similar to last year's event at Jack Ryan's, with plans to follow. John Berry suggested that notices be sent to Past-Presidents about events. A discussion followed concerning efforts to encourage additional lawyers to become Fellows, including a letter before the Fellow's reception for this purpose. It was also suggested that a letter be sent by the President to encourage current Fellows to continue to give to the Foundation. Daniel Montgomery reported for the Endowment Funds Committee that it is working on plans. A discussion followed about things that the Public Relations Committee could do to increase awareness of the different purposes of the Bar and the Foundation and to delineate between the two organizations in people's mind. Andy noted that this was a difficult task. The good job by Jennifer Gaston for the Board was commended, and Cristy reported that Jennifer had encouraged the Tyler Paper to publish an article about Constitution Day. Dana Bias reported that the Law Day Committee has not met. Deborah Race reported that the</p>				

<p>Constitution Day Committee is considering speakers for next year. A contact to Justice O'Connor does not look promising, and she welcomed suggestions. Dana Bias reported that the Volunteer Attorney Appreciation Lunch, with Judge Diane DeVasto as speaker, was a success. Turnout was lighter than expected (planned for 100, about 50 attended) as there were conflicting events on that Friday. A day of the week other than Friday for the event will be considered next year.</p>				
<p>MINUTES The minutes from the October meeting were submitted for approval as written and attached to the Agenda.</p>	<p>The October minutes were reviewed and approved</p>	<p>Diane moved and Deborah seconded.</p>		
<p>FINANCIAL Daniel Montgomery presented the financial report, including the Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2016, and Profit & Loss, July through October 2016. A discussion followed about the purpose of the current balance in Foundation checking account and whether we should consider ways to spend some this money. The financial report was received without objection.</p>				
<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Cristy's written report was attached to the Agenda and she welcomed questions. She has recently moved.</p>				
<p>ROUND ROBIN Ruth noted that the Law Day Committee needs to meet this month, and the Board instructed the Executive Director send an email to committee members to call a meeting. Shannon thanked the Foundation on behalf of the Texas Bar Foundation for joining the National Council of Bar Foundations. Amy Ames encouraged all to attend the Caldwell musical: <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> next Thursday and Friday. The meeting was adjourned.</p>				

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016