

**Smith County Bar Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 12, 2016      Start Time: 12:10 pm      End Time: 1:00 pm  
Genecov Room, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce**

<u>Members present:</u>	<u>Also present:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>
Dana Bias	John Berry-	Andrew Adams
Diane DeVasto	Immediate Past	Amy Ames
Dawn Franks	President	Bryan Campbell
Jennifer Gaston	Carol Moylan	Patricia Coplan
David Hudson	Cristy Arscott	Bill Cornelius
Daniel Montgomery		Shannon Dacus
Ruth Yeager		Michael Gross
Deborah Race		Laura Jackson
Andy Tindel		Judge Kennedy
Tim Simpson		Gary Landers
		Kelly Pace
		Nancy Rangel

Issue	Action	Those Responsible	Due Dates	Follow Up Required
<b>CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION</b> Andy Tindel called the meeting to order. Tim Simpson gave the invocation.				
<b>PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING</b> Andy reported that Constitution Day was a success. He noted the good relationship with UT Tyler, and complimented the good work of Cristy Arscott. The pre-luncheon was informal, but nice. The speaker, Talmage Boston, was well received by the students and others in attendance, and he expressed his enjoyment of the event. He generously did not require an honorarium, and has not				

<p>yet submitted any travel expenses. The Foundation purchased 10 of his books, and volunteers are to distribute them to 10 area high schools. Jennifer Gaston and <i>Tyler Today</i> helped publicize the event, and Andy thanked them on behalf of the Board. Andy reported that Buck Files has requested that the Foundation join the National Council of Bar Foundations, which would cost \$180.00 annually. A motion was made to join, which was seconded, and discussed. Diane DeVasto reported that the Texas Bar Foundation/Fellows will meet in Tyler in January and suggested that the Board consider doing something for them. The idea was well received and this is to be a subject at the next Board meeting. Deborah Race encouraged the Board to think about opportunities for groups in this area to apply for grants from the Texas Bar Foundation. Andy noted that we will consider nominees for the Justinian Award in November.</p>	<p>The Board approved a motion to join the National Council of Bar Foundations.</p>	<p>David Hudson moved and Deborah Race seconded</p>		<p>Next meeting-consider action related to Texas Bar Foundation/Fellows meeting here in January; consider Justinian Award nominees</p>
<p><b>BYLAWS</b> Andy stated that further discussion of the ByLaws changes would be tabled until the next meeting. The ByLaws Revision Committee is to meet again, and a draft will be tweaked and distributed before the next meeting.</p>				<p>November meeting</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b> On behalf of the Law Day Committee, Ruth Yeager reported that their goal is to increase attendance by 10% per year, increase the number of vendors, and increase the net profit, and to do so will seek enticements for invitees from vendors, ask each SCBF Board member to provide 2 new vendor names annually, offer vendors enticements, increase the number of underwriters, and increase the size and number of donations. Stuart Hene has worked hard on this event. The report was accepted. Carol Moylan reported for the Volunteer Attorney Committee concerning the Volunteer Attorney Appreciation Lunch set for October 21. It will be at Marvin United Methodist Church, Pirtle Hall, with a pot roast</p>				

<p>menu, speaker, Honorable Diane DeVasto, the Honorable John Love as Master of Ceremonies, and a client speaker. Awards will be presented for: Firm, Legal Assistant, Lawyer, and Young Lawyer of the Year, among others. The report was accepted. Dawn Franks reported for the Grant Request Committee that the Young Lawyers had requested a \$1,000.00 grant for Adoption Day. After consideration, the Committee recommended its approval. This leaves \$500 in the budget for grants. She suggested that future budgets include a greater amount for grants, possibly \$2,500.</p>	<p>The Board approved a grant of \$1000.00 to the Young Lawyers for Adoption Day.</p>	<p>Deborah moved and Diane DeVasto seconded</p>		<p>Consideration in next year's budget for grant amount increase</p>
<p><b>MINUTES</b> The minutes from the September meeting were submitted for approval as written and attached to the Agenda. The minutes were reviewed and accepted.</p>				
<p><b>FINANCIAL</b> Daniel Montgomery presented the financial report, including the Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2016, and Profit &amp; Loss, July through September 2016. After discussion, the financial report was received without objection.</p>				
<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b> Cristy reported that there were five cases scheduled for Settlement Week. She recently mailed Fellows' statements for contributions. She encouraged committees to update their activities. Her written report was attached to the Agenda and she welcomed any questions.</p>				
<p><b>ROUND ROBIN</b> David Hudson reminded everyone that Early Voting begins on October 24. John Berry congratulated all involved with Constitution Day, good job and good speaker. Dana noted the students' good behavior, and Jennifer and Ruth commented about the students' interaction and response at Constitution Day. Diane suggested that the Foundation send a welcome letter to the new President of UT Tyler. Carol reminded all of the Appreciation Lunch. Cristy noted</p>				

that a group of Church ladies attended Constitution Day after seeing the article in <i>Tyler Today</i> and congratulated Daniel upon his becoming a partner at his accounting firm. The meeting was adjourned.				
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**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016**