

# **LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION**

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Lycoming Law Association January 12, 2004

### DECLARE QUORUM & OPEN MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lycoming Law Association was held on January 12, 2004 in Court Room No. 2 of the Lycoming County Courthouse. President Gary L. Weber declared there to be a quorum and convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor and recognition of the Honorable Charles F. Greevy, Jr. and Bertram S. Murphy, Esquire who passed away during 2003.

### MINUTES OF JANUARY 2003 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Knecht and seconded by Mr. Craig Harris that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on January 13, 2003 be unanimously adopted. Said motion was duly passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Humphrey. A motion was made by Mr. Gary Harris and seconded by Mr. Wise to unanimously adopt the Treasurer's Report. Said motion was duly passed.

Mr. Knecht informed the Association that the completed financial reports have not yet been received from the accountant due to the inability to obtain the necessary material and review it by the date of this meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Gary Harris and seconded by Mr. Wise to accept the informal financial reports and have them reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee when the financial reports have been completed.

## LYCOMING REPORTER & LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REVIEW

The review was submitted by Mr. Knecht and it was moved by Mr. Drier and seconded by Mr. Collins that the review be unanimously adopted. Said motion was duly passed.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Weber advocated the hiring of an Executive Director by the Association. He also reminded the members of the Association of the wealth of information available on the Association's website. He informed the members that a newsletter will be available on the website and sent to each member by email each month.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Askey submitted the following nominations for the officers and members of the Executive Committee for 2004. He initially informed the Association that Mr. Joseph F. Orso, Jr. declined the nomination of President of the Association for health reasons. Thus, the nominations are as follows:

John M. Humphrey	-	President
Norman M. Lubin	-	President Elect
L. Craig Harris	-	Treasurer
John P. Pietrovito	-	Secretary
Tammy L. Taylor	-	Member
Richard A. Gahr	-	Member
Joy Reynolds McCoy	-	Member
Jonathan E. Butterfield	-	Member
William L. Knecht	-	Editor of Lycoming Reporter
Gary L. Weber	-	Past President

A motion was made by Mr. Barlett and seconded by Mr. Wise that the nominations be closed and unanimously adopted. Said motion was duly passed.

## PASSING OF PRESIDENT'S CLOCK

Gary L. Weber, Past President, proceeded to hand over the President's Clock to newly elected President John M. Humphrey.

## NEW PRESIDENT PRESIDES

The newly elected President, John M. Humphrey, presided over the remainder of the meeting. He thanked and commended Gary L. Weber for his tremendous service as President of the Association, webmaster of the Association's website, publisher of the Association's Newsletter and formation of the Strategic Planning Committee to address the problems and needs of the Association including the hiring of an Executive Director. Mr. Humphrey reported that he has a number of goals for 2004 including the hiring and training of an Executive Director, the continuation of CLE programs such as seminars and lunch & learn sessions, and to increase the social activities of the Association. Finally, he urged all members to sign up for a committee and become an active member of a committee.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet will be held tonight after the Annual Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. at LeJeune Chef.

### BENCH/BAR

A written report was submitted by Mr. Mitchell and available for the membership to read including minutes of the meetings.

### CUSTOM & RULES

A written report was submitted by Mr. Weber and available for the membership to read.

### BAR HISTORY

A written report was submitted by Mr. Greevy and available for the membership to read.

### TECHNOLOGY & WEBSITE

A written report was available for the membership to read.

## UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

No report available.

## YOUNG LAWYERS

No report available.

## LAW DAY

A written report was submitted by Mr. Butterfield and available for the membership to read.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

No report available.

## LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE INDIGENT

Mr. Humphrey reported that the Committee met several times during the year and the primary focus of the meetings was the presentation of a Protection From Abuse seminar with Continuing Legal Education credit available. Mr. Campagna commended and thanked members of the Association for their outstanding participating in the PFA referrals and divorce clinics.

## FEE DISPUTE

No report available.

## MOCK TRIAL

Mr. Pietrovito reported that the Mock Trial Competition was getting underway with trials scheduled during February 2004. He thanked the members of the Association for their participation as judges and jurors for the trials last year and urged them to support the program and volunteer again this year.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

Mr. Humphrey reported that the Annual Picnic was a successful and enjoyable event especially for the Horseshoe Tournament champions.

## ELDER LAW

No report available.

## REAL ESTATE

A written report was submitted by Mr. Holland and available for the membership to read.

## LYCOMING LAW FOUNDATION

Mr. Campagna submitted a financial report for 2003 which was made available to the membership. He also reviewed the purpose of the Foundation.

## ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Waffenschmidt and seconded by Mr. Craig Harris that all of the committee reports be unanimously adopted. Said motion was duly passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

The sole item of new business was the hiring of an Executive Director of the Lycoming Law Association. Mr. Weber presented the findings and recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee strongly recommended the hiring of a part-time Executive Director to aid the President in implementing ideas and programs beneficial to the membership and provide continuity with respect to the operation of the Association from year to year as one President is succeeded by another. The sources of funding included profits from the Lycoming Reporter and CLE programs. It was also noted that the Executive Director could assume the role of business manager of the Lycoming Reporter thereby eliminating the expenditure of \$3,500.00 to Annabel Miller. Mr. Weber informed the membership that the Executive Committee unanimously approved and recommended to the Lycoming Law Association that a part-time Executive Director be hired. A motion was made by Mr. Rieders and seconded by Mr. Nichols that a part-time Executive Director be hired by the Lycoming Law Association with a gross annual salary of \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00 for twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) hours

per week. Said motion was duly passed without opposition.

### BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Craig Harris presented the proposed budget for 2004 and noted that it included a dues increase for some but not all members of the Association. A motion was made by Mr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Landon to unanimously approve the budget as proposed. Said motion was duly passed.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and seconded by Mr. Landon to adjourn the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Lycoming Law Association. Said motion was duly passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Pietrovito  
Secretary  
Lycoming Law Association