

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

### **Annual Report 2016**

#### **Committee Members:**

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It has been a busy year for the Community Activities and Outreach Committee. The Committee met on February 8, March 18, April 26, June 30 and October 24 and considered five grant requests during 2016. The Committee made the following recommendations to the Lycoming Law Foundation Board with respect to those grant requests: Recommended the first grant in part (February 8, 2016); recommended rejection of the second grant with an alternative that was rejected by the grant applicant (March 18 and April 26 meeting); did not recommend the third grant or it's revision (June 30, 2016); recommended the fourth grant (June 30, 2016); and recommended the fifth grant request (October 24, 2016).

Based upon the Committee's June 30, 2016 recommendation, the Lycoming Law Foundation Board approved a grant of \$2,500.00 to the Montoursville Area High School Mock Trial team. Unfortunately, the mock trial team did not receive the anticipated additional funds so the grant was not paid.

The Lycoming Law Foundation Board met on November 4, 2016 and considered the fifth grant request and granted \$1,500.00 to the Montoursville Area High School Mock Trial team. The monies were used toward a weekend-long workshop at Harvard University on November 12-13, 2016. The workshop included how to improve skills such as writing opening and closing statements, direct examination, cross examination and a class on witness development and objections. A scrimmage among attending teams was held at the end of the weekend. The "big" check was presented to the team and its advisors on December 2, 2016. The Williamsport Sun-Gazette published an article and a picture.

In addition, the committee submitted a proposed revision to the Policy for Review and Recommendation of Foundation Grant Requests by the LLA Community Activities & Outreach Committee and the grant application. Said revision related to electronic submission of grant requests and was approved by the LLA Executive Committee and is located here: [http://www.lycolaw.org/Committees/caoc/caoc\\_policy.pdf](http://www.lycolaw.org/Committees/caoc/caoc_policy.pdf) and the revised grant application is located here: <http://www.lycolaw.org/Committees/caoc/LLAAFapplication.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

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