

MEETING MINUTES

ACA Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	October 21, 2020	
Time:	12:00 noon (central)	
Location:	Zoom Meeting	
Attendees:	Frank X. Neuner, Jr. – President Brett G. Harrison – Vice-President Ashley Belleau - Secretary and Treasurer William Johnston – Immediate Past President Denise Seastone Kraft Dana Hrelc	Keith B. McLennan – Past-President James Williams Darrell Papillion Andrew Schpak Josh Camson Ken Young Linda Klein Joy Lambert Phillips

1. Approval of Draft Minutes

The Board approved the Draft Minutes of the September 18, 2020 Board Meeting.

2. Financial Report

Ashley Belleau reported that she has been added as an authorized signatory to the ACA Wells Fargo Account. Mr. McLennan was thanked for his help in getting this done. The current balance in the ACA bank account is \$53,786.17.

The newly retained accounting firm, Malcolm M. Dienes, will prepare the 2020 tax return for the ACA's year ended on June 30, 2020. Andrew Schpak asked about who will prepare the Foundation return. It was suggested he talk to the current accounting firm that has prepared the Foundation returns for some years and report at the next meeting.

Lexis has yet to send the \$2,500 sponsorship for the August 2020 meeting. Keith B. McLennan, a Past-President, said he would reach out to Lexis about the payment.

3. President's Report

President Neuner briefly reported on the status of the new ACA website.

4. Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee

President Neuner said that Wes Horton had advised there was nothing new to report except that he will be sending out letters to the 7th Circuit law school deans in January 2021 soliciting nominees for the *Lowell Jacobson Scholarship*. The committee then

will review the scholarship nominee applications and select a winner in March 2021. Keith B. McLennan, Past-President, then explained the history of the scholarships:

1. ***Lowell Jacobson Scholarship*** – created by a client of a past president of the ACA who donated about \$30k to provide scholarships to those law students in need in the 7th Circuit.
2. ***George Kerr Scholarship*** – created in memory of ACA past president George Kerr and is funded from the ACA general fund.
3. ***Stanley J. Cohn and James K. Dorsett III Scholarship*** - created 4-5 years ago to honor Jim and Stan for their selfless commitment to the ACA as Secretary and President – this scholarship is funded from the ACA general fund.

Membership Committee

Brett Harrison said he will be scheduling a committee meeting shortly. The consensus was the committee should focus on the value proposition of being a member of the ACA.

Sponsorship Committee

Bill Johnston, Immediate Past President, said he will be scheduling a committee meeting before he next Board meeting. Keith McLennan and Denise Kraft volunteered to serve on the committee.

Website

Josh Camson reported that the ACA website is up and running. The membership billing part of the software will allow members to pay their dues with a credit card option. He is waiting on Stripe to go live and process the payments. At that time, the ACA can send membership invoices.

The next steps will be to add content, including updating the Board committees and adding the names of the scholarship winners.

5. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

The next Board meeting will be on November 18, 2020 at 12:00 pm (central) via Zoom. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. (central).

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley L. Belleau, ACA Secretary