

# MEETING MINUTES

## ACA Board of Directors Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	November 21, 2020	
<b>Time:</b>	12:00 noon (central)	
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	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 Wes Horton	Keith B. McLennan – Past-President James Williams Andrew Schpak Josh Camson Ken Young Linda Klein Joy Lambert Phillips Livia Barndollar Aurora Austriac

### 1. Approval of Draft Minutes

The Board approved the Draft Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting. Aurora Austriac abstained from the vote.

### 2. Financial Report

Ashley Belleau reported that she is receiving membership dues checks and deposits directly into the ACA banking account at Wells Fargo via Stripe. Josh Camson advised that 11 members had paid dues. Ashley asked Cam how we can determine the identity of the member who paid dues via Stripe/wire. There was discussion about the merits of a WF debit card.

The newly retained accounting firm, Malcolm M. Dienes, completed and filed the 2020 tax return for the ACA's year ended on June 30, 2020.

Denise Kraft asked if members can donate on-line via the website. Josh Camson will address.

### 3. President's Report

President Neuner advised that that the next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 versus December 23, 2020 as initially scheduled.

It was decided the Midyear zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at noon CT.

President Neuner reported on the status of the new ACA website. There was discussion about (1) the President's message; (2) Wes Horton writing an article about Dr. Laura Graham's presentation at the annual meeting in August and having it on the ACA website; (3) setting up an access portal for members to make donations on-line via the ACA website; (4) sending future automatic membership renewal notices on-line via the ACA website; (5) whether to create an ACA dedicated email address – [AmericanCounsel@gmail.com](mailto:AmericanCounsel@gmail.com); and (6) related matters.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### *Membership Committee*

Brett Harrison is scheduling a committee meeting shortly to address retention. There was discussion about having a membership link on the ACA website and how to address prospective members.

##### *Scholarship Committee*

It was reported that there is no money the **George Kerr Scholarship** and **Stanley J. Cohn and James K. Dorsett III Scholarship** as these scholarships are funded from the ACA general fund. Wes Horton suggested that we put more money into the **Stanley J. Cohn and James K. Dorsett III Scholarship** and recommended we "retire" the **George Kerr Scholarship**. Wes Horton moved to retire the **George Kerr Scholarship** and Bill Johnston seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Wes also reported that he will be sending out letters to the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

##### *Sponsorship Committee*

Bill Johnston, Immediate Past President, reported that a scholarship committee meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2020 to discuss possible types of scholarship said he will be scheduling a committee meeting before he next Board meeting. There was discussion about possible on-going sponsorships, including media sponsorships. Keith McLennan reported that he advised LEXIS about future new sponsorships and confirmed LEXIS will pay the remainder \$2500 it committed to pay this year.

#### 5. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

The next Board meeting will be on December 16, 2020 at 12:00 pm (central) via Zoom. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. (central).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley L. Belleau, ACA Secretary