

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
Association of Legal Administrators
Greater Kansas City Chapter

October 15, 2009

The October meeting was held at Brio Tuscan Grille. The following members were present: Pat Reed, Pat Curtis, Elaine Crider, Mary Ecklund, Tina Mateski, Pam Satterfield, Faye Smith, Shirley Mitchell, Sharlyne Narr, Judi Wideman, Teresa Bing, Kris Riddell, Christine Sztorch, Lisa Threatt, Teri Young, Bonita Edzards, Carrie English, Stacie Ferschweiler, Jeannie Foster, Janet Gooch, Brian Larios, Annette Gutierrez, Kristine Staudenmyer, Sandra Sterling, Audrey Muller, Emilio Liwang, Edie Ferrara, Karen Griggs, Mary Iseman, Elaine Scherder, Al Cummings, Paul Sanson, Fran Gentili and Belinda Waggoner.

President Teri Young called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Our October vendor co-sponsors were: Paetec, represented by Mark Evans and Jill Terrell and Mid-America Coffee (Ronocco) represented by Laurie Barton and Amy Renner.

Jon Coleman from Baker, Sterchi et al. was introduced as a guest.

The September Chapter minutes were approved by Tina Mateski and seconded by Christine Sztorch.

The Treasurer's report is posted online at the KCALA website. If you have any questions, please contact Sharlyne Narr.

An announcement was made about the Region 3 Educational Conference in St. Louis (October 8-10, 2009) – Twelve members from KCALA attended and it was a resounding success. There were a total of 169 attendees with 52 first time attendees. Next year's regional conference will be in Chicago, October 14-16, 2010. KCALA won a free webinar in a drawing.

Teri gave an update from the Region 3 Counsel meeting that was held in conjunction with the Region 3 Conference. She reported that ALA has written a new Strategic Plan that is available on the LMRC. ALA is also rewriting the Code of Ethics because they are outdated and ALA is actively searching for John Michalik's replacement. Teri also reminded members of the many benefits that come with their ALA membership besides Conferences. She reported that the Counsel meeting ended with round table discussions about PLMW, membership recruitment, and new member orientation.

Tina reminded everyone that the KCALA Educational Conference and Vendor Exposition at the Overland Park Convention Center will be November 19, 2009. Registration flyers will be mailed and you can also register on the website. **Teri reminded everyone that we will not have a regular Chapter lunch in November since we will all be attending the Educational Conference that day!**

Brian Larios reminded everyone to sign up their attorneys for the final Fall session of "Breakfast at the Bar". The topic is technology. Specific information can be found on the KCALA website as well as the KCMBA website. He also thanked Mary Ecklund and Shirley Mitchell for presenting at the last session regarding managing staff.


Stacie Ferschweiler reported that we will be partnering with Community LINC. Their mission is to develop self-sufficient families including helping clients prepare for the job market, find jobs and retain employment over the long-term. There are volunteer opportunities on October 20 & 22 (5:30pm – 8:00pm) and October 24 (9:00am – 3:00pm). We particularly need volunteers for Saturday the 24th. There is a list of donation items needed on the KCALA website. Our goal is 100% participation by chapter members! We have already received over \$1,000 in generous donations. Please contact Stacie Ferschweiler to see how you can help.

Teri reminded everyone about our upcoming calendar events:

- ♥ October 16 – CLM Study Group hosted by Shelley Meyers, Martin, Leigh, Laws & Fritzlen, PC
- ♥ October 21 – Webinar "A Disaster Recovery Plan that Works", hosted by Brian Larios, Lathrop & Gage
- ♥ October 22 - Small Firm Meeting - Hosted by Christine Sztorch, Levy & Craig
- ♥ October 28 – CLM Study Group hosted by Christine Sztorch, Levy & Craig

Jeannie Foster introduced our program – Sherwood Archibald (Shook Hardy & Bacon), Joan Thomas (Bryan Cave LLP) and David Steward, CRM (Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP). They presented a panel discussion regarding Technology Trends in Legal Management.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Lisa S. Threath, Secretary