LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MEETING
HELD AT CAFÉ BLUEBIRD

ATTENDING: Jennifer Stewart, Laurie Stirman, Pete Dauster, Randy Starr, Dick Gast, Josh Zugish, Renee Doak, Jennifer Rice, Cameron Banninga, Lindsay Steele-Idem.

CALL TO ORDER: President J. Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously by the committee.

TREASURER’S REPORT: P. Dauster reported that the LCBA’s account balances totaled $153,661.95 and that the Account Balances sheet reflected a correction in the maturity date of one of the Home State CDs and the allocation of $1,000.00 to Mock Trial. J. Rice moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by P. Dauster and approved unanimously by the committee.

PRO BONO PROGRAM: J. Stewart reported that the Pro Bono Sub-Committee was preparing for a ½ day nuts-and-bolts CLE educating members on the pro bono program that would occur the morning of Law Day on May 1, 2015. Members would pay one admission price for both events, with the two venues close by to one another to encourage joint attendance. Ms. Stewart also announced that Ethan Doak had agreed to serve as the new Co-Chair of the program for a two-year term alongside C. Banninga. C. Banninga reported that he was lining up various practitioners to present at the upcoming CLE, and that there would be breakout sessions to allow attendees their choice of practice area.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION: No report.

WOMEN’S BAR: No report.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE/BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Dick Gast reported that the Modest Means program has enlisted fifteen attorney participants from a variety of practice areas, and that their contact information would be made available online and at the Self-Help Center. Mr. Gast reported that the 2014 statistics on self-represented litigants reflected startling numbers of unrepresented parties to cases, particularly in the domestic relations area, which reinforced the need for more services.

CLE: R. Doak reported that Jennifer Rice would be presenting a CLE about unbundled representation in late March. Ms. Doak also discussed that Sara Stieben was interested in reporting back from her efforts pursuant to a Mid-Career Working Group spearheaded by Chief Justice Rice that focuses on a Self-Audit Checklist for solo practitioners and small firms. Chief Judge Schapanski is presenting on ICCES e-filing for criminal cases this month on February 18, 2015.
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION: ABA Delegate Randy Starr reported back from the House of Delegates meeting in Houston the day before. Mr. Starr discussed the ABA’s continued concern with its eroding membership numbers, and its recent policy positions on the effects of natural disasters on vulnerable populations and Uniform Laws.

NEW BUSINESS: J. Stewart announced that the LCBA website had been updated to allow for a lot of information and links for the Pro Bono Program. The Committee also discussed the idea of a reduced dues charge for new attorneys and senior attorneys, seeming to agree that a half-price charge for lawyers in their first three years of practice should be implemented as a means to entice more younger members to join and mirror tiered-fee trends in other bar associations. Discussion also followed regarding encouraging more local attorneys to join the LCBA by highlighting the benefits of the membership. J. Stewart also recommended Josh Zugish as her choice for incoming Secretary. Misty Bordeaux discussed the return of Senior Law Day to the CSU venue and formally requested that the LCBA again sponsor the event in the amount of $1,500.00. Discussion followed as to what the budgeted amount was for the event, and the Committee agreed to take the issue up at its next meeting in March. J. Stewart then discussed Term Day activities on March 6, 2015, as well as the large number of grand poohbahs from the CBA who would attend the morning meeting, along with Justice Hood. The group then discussed a change of meeting venue. J. Stewart moved to tentatively schedule the next meeting for Rainbow Restaurant, pending more information about its ability to accommodate the group in the interim, which was seconded by L. Steele-Idem and approved by the committee unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by J. Stewart at 8:18 am.

NEXT LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 10, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at Rainbow Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay A. Steele-Idem, LCBA Secretary