

Minutes of the Columbia Chapter of the South Carolina Roster Administrators
Meeting Date: Tuesday December 16th, 2008

Location: McAngus, Goudelock, & Courie
700 Gervais Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC
Hosts: Nelda Canada and Tometta Johnson

Attendees:

1. Laurie Jennings, Nelson Mullins, Laurie.Jennings@nelsonmullins.com
2. Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann, Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, JayJay@dghlaw.net
3. Tometta Johnson, McAngus Goudelock & Courie (MGC), Tometta.Johnson@mgclaw.com
4. Nelda Canada, MGC, NCanada@mgclaw.com
5. Myra Rutland, MGC, MRutland@mgclaw.com
6. Karen Anders, Sowell Gray, KAnders@sowell.com

As attendance was low, this meeting was a bit more informal than usual. Laurie Jennings took charge of the meeting initially at approximately 1:15 p.m. and distributed the agenda (see attached) and her compilation of the submissions for our project to compile a list of complaints and suggestions about the current roster system (also attached).

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved without revisions.

Due to the low attendance, it was decided that discussion of registering the organization legally should be tabled until 2009.

Laurie mentioned that her predecessor, Gloria Wise, had gotten her onto the Elite Large Firm Docketing Management teleconference list and she has participated in a few calls. While most participants are from large national firms, they have lately been receiving more input and participation from smaller firms with more local practices. Laurie is going to try to find out if there is a minimum size requirement for participants on these calls, and see what is involved for others to be added to conferences.

Laurie mentioned that Mike Cerkez is still looking into the possibility of our starting a group on Linked In. Hopefully he will be available at the January meeting to provide more information on that.

As mentioned in last month's minutes, Mike made a presentation at the November meeting of the Palmetto Paralegal Association (PPA). This resulted in requests for info from another MGC paralegal, who was put in touch with Nelda and Tometta, and from a paralegal at Nelson Mullins, who was informed of Laurie's involvement and referred to her for further information. While this announcement did not result in any new members, at least more of the legal community is aware of our organization now.

Laurie mentioned that she went back to the office after our November meeting and immediately contacted her firm's IT department about the redacting program Mike had demonstrated at the meeting. She had downloaded a 30-day demo of the program and begun experimenting with it by the end of the day. Kim Harbison at the Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC had also downloaded the demo and experimented with it. Laurie's firm has already purchased the full program for \$199 for a single license and Kim's firm is in the process of purchasing it as well. Between the two of them, Laurie and Kim were able to work out one glitch they discovered (which involved difficulty printing color highlights on the output of the program for those who want a printout rather than working from the screen), so if anyone else is interested in the program, you should contact Laurie or Kim for more information.

When the floor was opened to new business, Laurie wanted to see a demonstration of searching rosters by attorney bar number, as she had not been aware of that option. Others had not used the search either, so Jay-Jay walked Laurie through a few searches in different counties.

The remainder of the meeting time was taken up with discussion of the results of our homework assignment from the last two months: the list of issues we ran across relating to the rosters, including questions, pet peeves, and suggestions for improvements. Please see the attachment for the compilation.

A consensus emerged that York County would be a county to recommend other counties for use as a model for their roster websites and databases.

Two tips emerged from this meeting: you can get to the Jasper County roster site by going through the Beaufort County roster site, which is much easier than using the Jasper site directly, and you can call the presiding judge's law clerk on Friday afternoon before a term of court rather than calling attorneys for each case ahead of you on a roster to find out your case's true placement.

Upcoming meeting dates, locations, and hosts were noted as follows:

January 20th at Mike Kelly Law Group, hosted by Greta Edwards
February 17th at Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, hosted by Jay-Jay
Flanagan-Grannemann and Kim Harbison

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann

Secretary
South Carolina Rosters Administrators, Columbia Chapter
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