

Minutes of the South Carolina Roster Administrators
Meeting Date: Tuesday December 15th, 2009

Location: Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA
1201 Main Street
22nd Floor
Columbia, SC

Hosts: Michael J. Cerkez and Nicole Wright Frey

Attendees:

1. Michael J. Cerkez, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd (HSB), MCerkez@hsblawfirm.com
2. Laurie Jennings, Nelson Mullins, Laurie.Jennings@nelsonmullins.com
3. Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann, Law Office of Daryl G. Hawkins, LLC, JayJay@dghlaw.net
4. Sharon Hyland, Nexsen Pruet, SHyland@nexsenpruet.com
5. Nicole Wright Frey, HSB, NFrey@hsblawfirm.com

Via Telephone:

6. Ellen Swann, HSB, ESwann@hsblawfirm.com

Michael called the informal holiday meeting to order shortly after 1:20 after everyone present had assembled lunch (courtesy of HSB – thanks!). There were no changes to last month's minutes.

Our incorporation documents were filed with the Secretary of State on December 4, 2009. We need to begin working on Bylaws in 2010. Michael mentioned our incorporation to his supervisors at a recent HSB meeting and they seemed impressed with how far the organization has come. Michael will be contacting Kim Harbison to see if she is still willing to procure a domain name and put together a website for SCRA now that we are incorporated. Laurie will get with Ellen Swann to get an EIN from the IRS.

Discussion regarding our email blasts ensued. Consensus was that what we have been doing seems to work for everyone, and Laurie doesn't feel she is being overworked by sending notices for all the roster news that is being sent to her, as she generally compiles all messages from a day into one large message sent at the end of the day, so no one but her is being bombarded with emails. Members are to continue to use their judgment in determining what they think other members might need to be made aware of. Considerations should include how often a particular county posts that type of roster, how far in the future the roster is for, and how easily found that roster is (e.g., if it wouldn't show up in the normal course of searching (hidden on a second or third page, out of date order, behind rosters of other types, etc.), we would be well-served to have notice of it sent to everyone).

Michael confirmed that no one has heard any more from David Hamilton at SCCCROD. We still hope to hear from him and his spring meeting planning committee about options for speaking at or attending the meeting. If we do not hear from him, we may attempt to contact him again in the new year.

It was agreed that providing hyperlinks to rosters and using the SCRA tag at the beginning of emails has been beneficial. We will continue to use those conventions.

Our tip for the month: the Horry County multi-week motions roster that was posted for 01/04/2010 has been removed.

We discussed the 12/31/2009 Beaufort County Master-in-Equity trial roster. At least 2 members have independently confirmed with the Master's office that this is just an internal roster, and no roster meeting will be held on 12/31.

One member recently came across a situation where motions were scheduled to be heard in a case after the case was set to be called for trial. It was suggested that that member advise the attorney and paralegal of the conflict so they could write the judge and get the outstanding motions heard before the trial.

Beaufort County changed its roster websites within the last few months. While there are jury rosters listed on the main Common Pleas roster page (at http://www.co.beaufort.sc.us/Clerk_Court/RosterMeeting_CommonPleas.php), there are sometimes additional ones available at the link at the bottom of the list (at <http://www.beaufortcourt.org/courtrosters/RosterSelection.aspx>), so don't rely solely on those posted on the front page.

Also, for those who may have missed the news via email, Virginia Druce, the former non-jury docket coordinator for Charleston County, has been promoted to Family Court docket coordinator. Until further notice, all correspondence regarding non-jury rosters should be addressed to Don Michel, the jury docket coordinator.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, 2010; Laurie will see if she can host at Nelson Mullins. Sharon is checking to see if Nexsen Pruet can host the meeting on February 16th, 2010; Laurie will contact Nelda Canada and Tometta Johnson to see if McAngus Goudebeck & Courie can host the meeting on March 16th, 2010.

We are still seeking other locations for future meetings. Remember: lunch does *not* need to be provided; we just need a conference room, but would prefer to have a computer, Internet hookup, screen, and teleconference capability if possible. Please contact Michael at the email address above if you are interested in hosting a future meeting. Thanks!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m. with happy holiday wishes shared by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Lay-Lay Flanagan-Grannemann

Secretary

South Carolina Rosters Administrators, Columbia Chapter

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