<u>Minutes of the South Carolina Roster Administrators</u> Meeting Date: Tuesday June 15th, 2010

Location: Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP 17th Floor, 1320 Main Street, Columbia, SC Host: Laurie Jennings

Attendees:

- 1. Laurie Jennings, Nelson Mullins, <u>Laurie.Jennings@nelsonmullins.com</u>
- 2. Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann, McWhirter, Bellinger & Associates, PA (MBA), jayjay1971@gmail.com
- 3. Sharon P. Hyland, Nexsen Pruet, <u>SHyland@nexsenpruet.com</u>
- 4. Sheila M. Woodward, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A. (ELS), <u>swoodward@ellislawhorne.com</u>

Laurie called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.

There were no changes to last month's minutes.

Laurie mentioned again that we really need to decide how we are going to proceed with regards to making contact with SCCCROD, as they have held their Spring meeting and may have elected new officers, but we have never heard from back them regarding our proposal for a presentation at one of their meetings. They do not appear to be updating their website anymore. It was suggested that perhaps one of our attorneys should attempt to make contact on our behalf; after discussion, rather than use a non-member to make contact, Sharon agreed to discuss the idea with her supervisor, Julie Colgan, who is a member of SCRA but also a member of Nexsen Pruet's administration, to see if she would be willing to attempt to make contact on our behalf. Those in attendance reviewed our earlier submission to SCCCROD; copies were distributed to those in attendance. If you would like a copy and did not receive one last summer, please email an officer.

The website was reviewed. Kim Harbison had done a tremendous amount of work in the days after the previous meeting, and the officers had suggested a few minor tweaks, which Kim quickly put into place. Discussion ensued about announcing the website first to our members and then to the general public. Those in attendance believed the site was ready to go live at that time.

The most recent issue of *Carolina Paralegal News* was reviewed online to see if they have begun publishing notice of our meetings yet, as Jay-Jay had provided the requested info (including the name of the organization, the dates of the upcoming meetings, the locations of the upcoming meetings, the time of the meetings, contact info for those interested in requesting more information, and the fact that a web address for the organization would be forthcoming soon) to their reporter Diana after the prior meeting and had been told that one issue had just been put to bed, but the info would

be added to the following issue. The information was not listed as of yet; hopefully it will appear in the June or July issue.

At the May meeting, Tometta Johnson had requested that we post the chart of roster contact information and back-door entry points for the rosters to the website. Laurie agreed to email her to see if the information currently posted on the website under County Roster Links meets her needs, or if additional information will be helpful.

Laurie announced that we have a new member from Rogers Townsend & Thomas, PC after a lengthy absence. We are pleased to have the firm represented among our membership again! She also announced other new members from Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, who are replacing those who have left us, as the firm has transferred primary responsibility for roster searching to the Charleston office, with backups in Greenville. These new members will hopefully be able to join us next month.

Laurie has not received the updated information on back-door access to the various counties' roster websites for when the Judicial Department website is down; she will follow up with Nicole Frey to get that from Michael Cerkez's old materials.

There has been no further research on the possibility of pursuing grant money to assist with implementation of the state's uniform roster system and training efforts.

Those in attendance agreed that we still need to establish a contact at the Supreme Court to answer questions above the county level and to promote uniformity in the implementation of CMS. No specific plans for contact have been made at this time, however.

Some of Laurie's attorneys received emails that they had cases on the August 9th motions roster in Aiken County, and an updated Roster News was posted, but the roster itself had not yet been posted to the website. There was some sort of technical glitch. The IT Department was trying to fix it as of the date of the meeting.

There was also a Barnwell County jury roster posted that was pure gobbledygook: there were no recognizable words. The roster clerk there had been made aware of the problem.

One suggestion for additional information to be added to the website was a link to the Judicial Department webpage where you can locate contact information for the various Clerks of Court. This idea will be added to any list that results from input from the general membership once the website has been announced and will be discussed at a future meeting before being added to the site.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 20th, 2010 at Nexsen Pruet, with Sharon Hyland as host. The August meeting, on August 17th, 2010, may be hosted by McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC; our September 21st, 2010 meeting will be at Ellis Lawhorne & Sims, P.A. with Sheila Woodward as host.

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 Laurie at the email address above if you are interested in hosting a future meeting. Thanks!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jay-Jay Flanagan-Grannemann

Secretary South Carolina Rosters Administrators 07/18/2010