

MINUTES

Waukesha County Bar Association - Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2025 - 12:00 PM via Zoom

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Past President Corey Montiho called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Attendance: Sarah Bondar, Jesse Blocher, Michelle Fitzgerald, Sarah Guenther, Christine Hansen, and Sara Scullen.
- 2) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sarah Guenther emailed financials prior to the meeting and advised that the tax return was filed in October and the liability insurance was renewed in December.
- 3) **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S (BOG) UPDATE:**
 - a) Jesse Blocher reported on the survey regarding the proposed increase in dues to support programs for civil legal services and that BOG will disclose the results to the Supreme Court.
 - b) Sarah Guenther reported that District 6 is in need of two new representatives as she is not seeking re-election and Alexis Evans is no longer practicing law. Jesse Blocher will continue.
 - c) Discussion had about nominations for the State Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award and Judge of the Year. Sarah Guenther will coordinate with Corey Montiho, Sarah Bondar, Michelle Fitzgerald, and Christine Hansen to prepare application materials by the 1/31/2025, deadline.
- 4) **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a) Meeting Minutes: November 2024 meeting minutes approved 6-0. Jesse Blocher abstained.
 - b) Holiday Party: Discussion had about the December 2024 holiday party and the Food Pantry donation.
- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Litigation Seminar: Jesse Blocher discussed planning and format. Ten tentative speakers have been secured; an ethics presenter is still needed. Christine Hansen moved to approve the \$4,500 expenditure; Corey Montiho seconded the motion; motion approved 7-0.
 - b) Dues: Christine Hansen circulated local bar comparisons before the meeting. Sarah Guenther submitted financial analysis before the meeting and discussed average annual loss. Discussion had regarding membership, ways to address shortfall in the 2025-26 year, anticipated cost of new website, and whether a membership survey and special meeting should be conducted. Dues will be the primary issue at the February 10, 2025, director's meeting and the agenda will be prepared and published in advance.
 - c) Judicial Candidate Forum: Christine Hansen will reach out to the campaign managers to try to coordinate a candidate forum at the courthouse at the end of February/early March 2025.
 - d) Annual Meeting: Christine Hansen inquired about the planning of the 2025 annual meeting.
 - e) Director Renewals: Christine Hansen reminded directors whose terms expire in June to let Aaron Hall know if they will be continuing on the Board of Directors.
 - f) Next Meeting: February 10, 2025, at noon by Zoom.
 - g) Adjournment: Corey Montiho moved to adjourn; Christine Hansen seconded the motion; motion approved 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine L. Hansen, President-Elect