

**WAUKESHA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Monday, September 8, 2025**  
**By Zoom**  
**Minutes taken by Sarah B. Bondar**  
**Quorum Met**

**Call to Order:** Waukesha County Bar Association (“WCBA”) called to Order by Sarah Guenther on behalf of President Christine Hansen order at approximately 12:03 p.m. and made opening remarks. Christine joined at about 12:20 p.m.

**Attendance:** Sarah Guenther, Sarah Bondar, Andrea Lau, Bridget Schoenborn, Kate Spitz, Aaron Hall, Jesse Blocher, Remzy Bitar, Michelle Fitzgerald, and Christine Hansen.

1. **Presentation of Financial Report/Treasurer’s Report - By Sarah Guenther:** Financial reports sent out Friday, the biggest expense is currently the Judicial photography by Mortensen. Jesse received sponsorship money \$500.00 from Habush for Judge’s night.
2. **BOG Update – By Jesse Blocher:** Nothing big to report back. There is no update on the open position, there are a few applications. Larry Martin the executive director retired; new Executive director has stepped in at this time.
3. **Approval of August 2025 Meeting Minutes:** August 2025 Minutes distributed, no corrections. Motion made by Remzy Bitar to approve Regular August 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. **Updates**

**Events:** Judges’ Night (October 7<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>). There seems to be a potential conflict with the 7<sup>th</sup> date, so the 15<sup>th</sup> may be best. Approve up to \$4,000.00 and the date of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. No live music this year but will make sure that we will have music available. Sponsor of Habush \$500.00, still pushing more sponsors. Discussion about no desserts or less drink tickets. Motion: Bridget – Second – Michelle.

**Holiday Party:** December – Venues: In discussion, the historic courthouse is so beautiful, but so costly, is there is an option that is cheaper.  
– Date First/Second week of December.

**Litigation Seminar:** Jessie is talking about possibly the annual meeting, Ethics seminar, etc. Waukesha County Courthouse may be a good option for an event to keep cost down. Some place that we could bring our own food in.

**Ethics:** Do we have a date? Looking at options. Ingleside had a bunch of November dates, Sheraton is second cost wise, Brookfield Conference Center can only do November 5. Date: November 5, Continental Breakfast, Room Rental \$350.00 plus breakfast \$2000.00 total. Ingleside Motion by Remzy, Second: Aaron. Motion Carries.

**Melissa Pehl Joined for update on the Probate Section:**

**Currently meeting 4x a year fiscal year. Sept. Nov. Jan. and May.**

This has led to a consistent showing of the meetings of 67 paid members with 14 planning to collect from. First meeting is tomorrow. Dues \$45a person, lunch and 4 CLEs a year. Could look into a judicial round table. Provides lunch at all meetings, rarely have paid speakers, have over \$5,000.00 in account to cover lunches.

**Website & Technology:** Still need to meet.

**Scriptus:** Send out a newsletter, e-newsletter that can go out. This will be one document, sent out and we will **include information about sponsorship.**

5. **Adjournment:** Closing remarks. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 12:41 p.m. by and the motion unanimously was approved.

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 13, 2025, Noon, via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah B. Bondar