

2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

Tennessee Association of Professional Process Servers

Saturday, April 18, 2009

9:20am - Holiday Inn, Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN

Meeting was called to order by President, Tom Mercer.

Invocation by Benny Walker and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Introduction of members - Four officers, 25 members, 3 guests and 3 guest speakers

Minutes of the last regular meeting of the members were read by the Secretary, Joyce Mercer. Benny Walker made motion to approve. Motion was seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

Legislation Update - Charles Finberg introduced State Representative Harry Brooks. Harry Brooks addressed the members on the latest legislation for process servers. His current Bill 1528 was presented to legislation March, 2009 and should be going before the legislation sometime in the latter part of April. Mr. Brooks also discussed certain parts of the Bill and also the fee structure for licensing should his Bill get passed. Member, Barry Kaley stated he does not feel current Bill 1528 should have E&O insurance requirements and registration for process servers should not be in each court. In other words, registering with the state should be the only requirement. Harry Brooks advised there are certain items in his Bill that are in there for practical reasons. Mr. Kaley also suggested TAPPS members should write a letter to Senator Bunch expressing our concerns in reference to HB 897 - BUNCH, Bradley County.

Discussion on Liability Insurance and E&O Insurance was continued by Jim Hudgins.

Break - 10:45am-11:00am

Meeting was resumed at 11:00am at which time Directors from NAPPS, John Perez and Larry Yellon were introduced to members by Charlie Fineberg. Mr. Perez made a short speech regarding NAPPS. Meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

Lunch - 12:10pm-1:50pm

Meeting resumed after lunch and a Power Point presentation on process serving was presented by John Perez and Larry Yellon. After the presentation Mr. Perez explained the advantages of TAPPS becoming a charter member of NAPPS. Benny Walker made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded.

Treasurer report was made by the Treasurer, Charlie Fineberg. Charlie did not have an itemized report with him, however, he advised there was over \$5,200 in the checking account. V-P Marti Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer report. Motion was seconded.

Website - Jim Hudgins advised he was going to send Marti a "Keyword" for the TAPPS website.

TAPPS membership application form was discussed. Marti Miller suggested the question of "Have you ever been convicted of a felony" should be included on the application? Charles Fineberg made the motion to approve. Motion was seconded with no opposition.

Dues Increase for 2010 was discussed. Charlie Fineberg made a motion to increase dues to \$55.00 per year and \$20 if the members want to be listed on the TAPPS website. Motion was seconded. Member Fred Crumbaugh suggested TAPPS request a listing of Private Investigators from the Tennessee Commerce and Insurance and perhaps solicit them for possible membership with TAPPS.

Convention date and location was discussed for 2010. Motion was made by Charles Fineberg for convention date April 10, 2010 and location to be in Chattanooga. Motion was seconded.

Election of Officers

Motion was made by Jim Hudgins to pay the TAPPS secretary a fee of \$599 per year for the position.

President

Tom Mercer was nominated by Benny Walker. Tom declined the nomination. Marti Miller was nominated by Joyce Mercer, seconded by Benny Walker, and was elected by acclamation.

Vice-President

Jim Belli was nominated by Joyce Mercer, seconded by Benny Walker and was elected by unanimous vote of the membership.

Treasurer

Charlie Fineberg was nominated by Marti Miller, Barry Kaley seconded and was elected by acclamation.

Secretary

Joyce Mercer was nominated by Charlie Fineberg, seconded by Benny Walker and was elected by unanimous vote of the membership.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned following prayer by Benny Walker.