

2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Tennessee Association of Professional Process Servers

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9:15am - Sheraton Read House, Chattanooga, TN

Meeting called to order by President, Marti Miller

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

Introduction of members - Four officers, 28 members, 1 non-member and 4 guest
Speakers

Sergeant Larry Cash from the Knox County Police Department - Civil Warrant Division was the first guest speaker. Sgt. Cash spoke about the importance of private process server safety and cited some problems his officers have encountered while serving process. Sgt. Cash offered his help in any programs TAPPS may have to offer in the future for education and training.

10:45am - 11:00am - Break

Meeting resumed at 11:00am and second guest speaker, State Representative Harry Brooks was introduced. Mr. Brooks discussed the latest House Bill 2951 (he drafted) and he advised this Bill would be going before the legislative committee in the next few weeks. Mr. Brooks also discussed other issues going before the committee and advised the state has a 500 million dollar grant to encourage post secondary education.

12:00-1:08 - Lunch

Meeting resumed and a Power Point presentation by John Perez, NAPPS Director and Larry Yellon, NAPPS 2nd Vice-President and President of NYSPPSA. The presentation consisted of best practices for completing "Proofs" (a/k/a Return of Service) and also completing Affidavit's of Service.

2:30-2:45 - Break

Business portion of the meeting began after the break.

Due to the posting of minutes on the TAPPS website, the reading of the April 18, 2009 Annual Meeting minutes were waived as well as the minutes from the October 4, 2009 Board Meeting.

Secretary, Joyce Mercer stated TAPPS is now in good standing with the Secretary of State and all past Annual Reports have been filed with the help of Jim Belli. We now have

the application from IRS to apply for tax exempt status and after the application is completed we can move forward to apply for NAPPS State Charter. The application was given to the new TAPPS secretary, Jim Belli for completion.

Treasurer Report was given by Charlie Fineberg. Charlie stated the monies from the old TAPPS bank account (Regions Bank) have now been transferred into the current account (Tennessee Bank). The consolidated bank balance at the beginning of April, 2010 was \$5,685.38. After convention expenses were paid, and cost for ordering badges to sell at the meeting, the balance was \$4,813.79. Costs still to be paid from this amount is \$599 paid to TAPPS secretary for the previous year duties and also \$399 to Charlie Fineberg for costs regarding the "Nike" court action. These two items were paid after the meeting adjourned. Jim Belli, Vice President, suggested TAPPS apply for an EIN number so Charlie does not have to use his social security number on the TAPPS checking account. Motion was made by Benny Walker for obtaining an EIN number and Marti Miller seconded. Jim Belli will move forward to obtain the EIN number.

The treasurer report was approved by Marti Miller and Jim Belli seconded.

Committees were established and the following members volunteered to be in charge of each committee:

- TAPPS By-Laws - Barry Kaley
- Website - Jim Belli
- Recruiting - Rick Cooper
- Legislative - Charlie Fineberg

Upon a recommendation by member Jim Hudgins, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of TAPPS joining the Tennessee Constables Association and Tennessee Warrant Association.

A suggestion was made by Jim Belli that all TAPPS officers should be considered Honorary members for the term they serve and their dues should be waived for that year. Members voted in favor, Marti Miller made a motion to approve and Joyce Mercer seconded.

A discussion was held regarding the pro-ration of membership dues. It was agreed and voted the first year dues for a new member would be considered an "application fee", no matter what time of the year they are applying for membership. All years thereafter, for membership renewal, will be the amount stated at that time. Current dues are \$75 per year and remain the same. Also, a signature line will be added to the current membership application.

Next convention location and date were discussed. Joyce Mercer made the recommendation of Memphis, TN for the first week in April, date to be determined. Marti Miller made a motion to approve, Jim Belli seconded.

Election of Officers:

President

Rick Cooper was nominated by Sue Lynch, Benny Walker seconded, no opposition and was elected by acclamation.

Vice-President

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

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Melody Cole nominated Charlie Fineberg, Joyce Mercer seconded, no opposition and was elected by acclamation.

Secretary

Jim Belli was nominated by Joyce Mercer, Marti Miller seconded and was elected by acclamation.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned following prayer by Don Sargent.