



T.A.P.P.S 2011 Annual Convention

Double Tree Hotel, Downtown Nashville, TN

315 4th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee

AGENDA

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9:00 - 9:30 | Greetings, prayer, and introductions followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

9:30 –10:00 | **Call to order:** Reading & Approval of Minutes from November 2010 Board Meeting and reading of the Minutes from the April 2010 Convention (Hand out). Welcome the 2011 New Members.

10:00-10:45 | Introduction of Tennessee State Representatives Harry Brooks : *Current State affairs and Business & Legislation issues; HB790 legislation.*

Harry Brooks-Harry has always had a strong interest in government and community service from his childhood days in Boy Scouts to his current position as State Representative. Growing up in Maryville, Tennessee, the son of Warren and Hazel Brooks, he was instilled with a strong work ethic and Christian values. After retirement, Harry pursued his lifelong dream of serving in the Tennessee General Assembly. He ran for election, won, and became a member of the 103rd Assembly. He will begin his fifth term in January, 2011. Education and educators have always been an important part of Harry's life. His father taught high school chemistry and physics; his mother taught kindergarten; his wife taught middle and high school social studies; and Harry taught middle school and college and served on the local school board. When he was elected to the Legislature, it was a natural fit for him to serve on the Education Committee where he was appointed his first term. He continued to serve as a member of that committee until 2009 when he was appointed Chairman. During his time as Chairman, he led the committee through the special session on education that ultimately resulted in the state receiving over half a billion dollars in Race to the Top Funds for education. In addition he served on Senator Frist's task force, SCORE, concerning reforming education in Tennessee. Currently he serves on the committee dealing with revising methods of teacher evaluation. He is proud of his working relationship with Tennessee teachers who have endorsed his candidacy each election cycle. Harry's service in Public Office includes: House member of the 103rd through 107th General Assemblies; Chair, House Children & Family Affairs Committee; Member, House Calendar and Rules Committee; Member, House Finance, Ways and Means Committee; Member, House Education Committee; Member, House General Sub-committee of Children & Family Affairs; Member, House General Sub-committee of Education; Member, Joint Education Oversight Committee; Member, Joint Lottery Oversight Committee; Member, Joint Fiscal Review Committee.

10:45-11:00 | Morning Break (Coffee, marketing display tables, TAPPS ID badges)

11:00-11:30 | Guest speaker Attorney Nicolas Utter, Nashville, TN *to discuss legal issues with defining Process Service as a licensed profession and how we may protect Process Servers through legislation similar to that of assaults on "licensed Security Guards" See TCA Codes.*

Nicholas Utter - Nicholas (Nick) Utter was born in Huntsville, Alabama in 1972. He graduated from Cornersville High School, in Marshall County, Tennessee, in 1990. After high school, Nick served four years in the United States Army in various airborne infantry and long range surveillance units. While serving in the military, he participated in deployments to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Panama, and South Korea. In 2005, Mr. Utter graduated from the Nashville School of Law and was conferred with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. He was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 2005. During law school, Mr. Utter was employed by the Davidson County Courts and served as both Court Officer and Law Clerk. He entered private practice January 2006. In 2006, Mr. Utter opened his practice at the law office at 213 Third Avenue North, in Nashville, Tennessee. The office hosts eleven other attorneys, all sole practitioners. He is a general practitioner with litigation experience. His practice has narrowed to the areas of: Criminal Defense, Family Law, Civil Litigation, Business Organizations, Probate/Wills and Estates and Contract Drafting/Disputes. Mr. Utter is a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Nashville Bar Association, Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association and is licensed to practice in all Tennessee State Courts.

11:30-12:00 | Guest Speaker for *Education, Marketing, & Networking your business*; Jim Finney & Kathleen Chute - founders of Gotcha Served.com

12:00-1:00 | Break for lunch and fellowship

1:00-1:30 | **Nominations & Election of Board Officers: New Officers take Oath of Office**

1:30-2:45 | *Educational Seminar* presented by the current First Vice Present of the National Association of Professional Process Servers (NAPPS), Lawrence Yellon and Director of NAPPS, Attorney John Perez. Best Practices – **Preamble:** Standards and Best Practices are a recitation of some of the essential elements and best methods the association has determined to advance professionalism in the process serving industry and to fulfill our obligations as process servers while at the same time protecting the due process rights of persons affected by our service. Promulgation of these Standards and Best Practices can and should assist others in the establishment of programs beneficial to the process serving industry. These Standards and Best Practices can and should also assist others in a review and meaningful revision of official policies, statutes and rules. These Standards and Best Practices are promulgated for public awareness and use. **Education: Standards, Best Practices and the Policy Manual. Introduction to the Private Civil Process Service Training Program**

2:45-3:00 | Afternoon Break

3:00- 3:15 | Treasures Report- Charles Fineberg

3:15-4:30 | TAPPS Business – (Old Business) *NAPPS Charter Application; items discussed at 2010 Convention & Nov. 2010 Board Meeting.* (New Business) *Items sent in on the Agenda by members. (A list of items will be provided to members prior to the Convention) Member and Guest discussion regarding efforts toward legislative change regarding a Process Service License or Certification in Tennessee*

4:30-5:00 | Issue Certificates to Members & Private Investigators | Ending Prayer