

2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Tennessee Association of Professional Process Servers

Saturday - October 3, 2009

11:30am - Comfort Inn Suites, 110 North Thompson Lane,
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Meeting was called to order by President, Marti Miller

Minutes from the meeting (Convention) on April 18, 2009 were read by Secretary, Joyce Mercer. Charlie Fineberg, Treasurer made a motion to approve and Marti Miller seconded.

The following topics were discussed and voted/approved by the board members:

Discussion was held regarding a location for the TAPPS 2010 convention. Comparisons were made between the Double Tree Hotel and the Sheraton Read House in Chattanooga. The board members agreed the location would be the Sheraton Read House. A buffet lunch will be provided for all attendees and the cost would be included in the registration fee. A TAPPS deposit check, to the Sheraton, will be sent in the amount of \$250.00.

The amount of registration fee for the convention was also discussed and the following amounts were agreed by the board members: \$50 for all TAPPS members; \$65 for non-members and \$75 for non-member, private investigators obtaining CLE credits. All registrants should have the convention registration form completed and sent to Joyce Mercer no later than March 1, 2010. If registration fees and forms are not received by that date, the registration fee will be \$75 for members and \$90 for all non-members. The registration form will be available on the TAPPS website.

Charlie Fineberg, Treasurer, will purchase hats, badges and various items to be sold at the convention. TAPPS will pay for these expenditures and all monies made from the sale will be deposited in the TAPPS checking account.

The lawsuit filed by Charlie Fineberg against Nike was also discussed and all board members agreed this will be a large asset for all process servers (should Charlie win) and hopefully this will enable us to get our "Bills" passed in the legislature. It was agreed an amount up to \$400 for out of pocket expenses will be paid by TAPPS.

Break - 12:38pm-1:00pm

Membership application format and fees were discussed. The new membership application will include the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony", items at the bottom will be taken off, i.e. Internet Maintenance donation, Legislative Fund donation and the \$20 for listing on the website. At the 2009 convention, the members voted to increase the

dues to \$55 and an additional \$20 for website listing. We will add the \$20 to the \$55 and make a flat fee of \$75 for 2010 membership fees. According to the TAPPS By-Laws, membership dues are due on the 1st of January and the updated forms will be available on the website.

Jim Belli, Vice-President agreed to help Marti with changes and/or additions to the TAPPS website. Jim will also create the information for the “Legislation” portion on the website and will possibly create a link to the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. Also, all members that have websites can also obtain a link to their website, from TAPPS, for a nominal fee of \$100 per year.

Secretary, Joyce Mercer, will contact various places to advertise the TAPPS convention. Aside from contacting, Serve Now and 411 Law, she has already contacted “Beth” from Nashville. Beth advised she will advertise the convention on the Private Investigator website. Hopefully it will also be included the information in the “PI” Newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.