



Board of Certified Reporters

Arizona State Courts Building
1501 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3222
Conference Room 109

Date: December 09, 2008
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Hon. Lawrence Winthrop
Jean Lea
Sandra Markham
Allen Sonntag
Terri Faust
J. Tyrrell Taber

Telephonically Present:

Kathleen Montalvo
Patricia Seguin

Absent:

Hon. Robert Carter Olson

OTHER ATTENDEES

AOC Staff:

Jenny Lubben
Kimberly Siddall
Linda Grau
Jennifer Greene
Alex Navarro
Evelyn Loza
Bonnie Toms
Tony Posante

Guests:

Joni Hill
Judy Griffin
Jennifer Macaulay
Kim Kratzenberg
Alisa Shelton
Diane Sonntag
Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag
Alvin Braun
John Bouley
Sue Baquet
Jim Crook
Elizabeth Silva
Stephanie Dillard
Lisa Lombard
John MacDonald
Doreen Loboca
Stacy Rector

CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order By: Sandra Markham, Chair

Time: 1:00 p.m.

1) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1-A: Review and approval of Regular Minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2008.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Judge Lawrence Winthrop

Discussion: Amend page 4 to reflect Mr. Taber's full name.

Motion: Approve Regular Session Minutes for November 18, 2008 as amended.

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
Second Terri Faust

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-84**

2) REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

2-A Review, discussion and possible action regarding pending applications for renewal of certification.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall

Discussion: Grant renewal for 137 applicants in alphabetical ranges by last name.

Motion: Grant renewal for applicants whose last names begin with A through D.

1. Theresa Aguilar
2. Jean Albright
3. Nicollette Alexander
4. Jacquelyn Allen
5. Heidi Anderson

6. Cindy Bachman
7. Rossana Baker
8. Michele Balmer
9. Crystal Bartlowe
10. Kimberly Bata
11. Nancy Bledsoe
12. Linda Bock
13. Karen Bolton
14. Doreen Borgmann
15. Deborah Boyette
16. Heather Bradfield
17. Cecelia Brookman
18. Brenda Brown
19. Judie Bryant
20. Melanie Builder
21. Marianne Burton
22. Wendell Chapman
23. Deborah Cleary
24. James Colville
25. Scott Coniam
26. Lynn Cronin
27. Tamlyn Crosse
28. Tina Cummings
29. Jeanne Depenbrok
30. Sabre Deterding
31. Donna Dobson
32. Talia Douglas
33. Lawrence Driver
34. Howard Dropkin
35. Diane Dzwonkoski

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
 Second Allen Sonntag

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-85**

Motion: Grant renewal for applicants whose last names begin with E through J with exception of applicant Sandra Gorajczyk (#51).

36. Linda Eakin
37. Diane Fayette
38. George Finn
39. Gail Foster
40. Luz Franco
41. Randi Friedman
42. Janice Fuller
43. Debra Galvin

44. Scott Gamertsfelder
45. Anthony Garcia
46. Guillermina Garcia-Hunt
47. Pamela Giffin
48. Lisa Glennie
49. James Glover
50. Melissa Gonsalves
51. Sandra Gorajczyk
52. Stephanie Gustave
53. Syndie Hagardt
54. Katherine Hanchette
55. Margaret Harcarik
56. Rhonda Harris
57. Sheryl Henke
58. Charles Herder
59. Karen Heutzenroeder
60. Claudia Hilton
61. Denae Hovland
62. Zella Howard
63. Joyce Howard
64. Kristine Howard
65. Teresa Hudson
66. April Hunt
67. Robin Jasper
68. Kathleen Johnston

Further Discussion: Ms. Siddall recommended that Sandra Gorajczyk’s name be removed from the applicant list as her application has not been received.

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
 Second Terri Faust

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-86**

Motion: Grant renewal for applicants whose last names begin with K through O.

69. Colleen Kelly
70. Rene King
71. Steven King
72. Denice Klassen
73. JoAnn Klemm
74. Julie Knowlton
75. Kellie Konicke
76. Karen Kovacs

77. Marylynn LeMoine
78. Roberta Liberato
79. Doreen Lobock
80. John Lopez
81. Catherena Lott
82. Kitty Lovejoy
83. Leopold Mankiewicz
84. Lorena Marin-Garcia
85. Sandra Markham
86. Jill Marnell
87. Dawn Maxfield
88. Lynne McAndrew
89. Carol McCue
90. Catherine Miccolis
91. Mark Miller
92. Lorraine Milligan
93. David Minder
94. Debora Mitchell
95. Linda Moore
96. Cynthia Morris-Crowe
97. Sandra Munter
98. Melody O'Donnell
99. Kathleen O'Donnell
100. Rebecca Ogle
101. Robin Osterode
102. Julie Ottmar

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
 Second J. Tyrrell Taber
 Recusal Sandra Markham (for herself)

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-87**

Motion: Grant Renewal for applicants whose last names begin with P through Z.

103. Helene Paustian
104. Shelley Pearce
105. Charlotte Powers
106. Dotty Reaume
107. Clarice Reed
108. Darlene Reimer
109. Janet Rice
110. Thomas Ritter
111. Julianne Roesly
112. Josie Roper
113. Barbara Rosado

- 114. Colette Ross
- 115. Nancy Rowland
- 116. Holly Sack
- 117. Nicole Schaffner
- 118. Jennifer Schuck
- 119. Rosina Seymour
- 120. Barbara Short
- 121. George-Ann Silverman
- 122. Suzanne Simms
- 123. Carrie Smalanskas
- 124. Jennifer Smith
- 125. Patricia Stewart
- 126. Carolyn Sullivan
- 127. Roxanne Tarn
- 128. Catherine Taylor
- 129. Donna Terrell
- 130. Mary Vincelette
- 131. Jane Westlund
- 132. Haley Westra
- 133. Stephanie Winters
- 134. Kimberly Workman
- 135. Deborah Worsley Girard
- 136. Rachelle Young
- 137. Heather Young

Motion Proposals: First Allen Sonntag
 Second Terri Faust
 Recusal Jean Lea for Mary Vincelette (#130)

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-88**

Motion: Recommendation to grant renewal of certification for Kathleen Fink-Gehrke (#138) and to include language regarding non-disclosure on future applications which may result in denial or disciplinary action.

Motion Proposals: First Terri Faust
 Second J. Tyrrell Taber

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-89**

2-B: *Review, discussion and possible action regarding request for extension of Continuing Education and reconsideration of denial application for Patricia McCarthy.*

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall, Jim Crook

Discussion: Facts and events were presented regarding reconsideration of certification renewal. Ms. Siddall recommended the Board consider amending the motion of 02/12/07 and Ms. Bischoff-McCarthy be granted renewal of certification for the 2008 and 2009 certification period. Jim Crook appeared on the behalf of Ms. Bischoff-McCarthy.

Motion: Agreement to rescind decision of 02/12/07 and grant renewal of certification for the 2008 and 2009 certification period.

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
Second Allen Sonntag

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-90**

3) ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

3-A: *Review, discussion and possible action regarding reconsideration of interim or similar license and authorization to use equivalent tests to meet requirement for Arizona certification.*

Individuals Addressing the Board: Jenny Lubben

Discussion: Ms. Lubben presented a letter from Stephanie Dillard, director of the Real-time Court Reporting Program at Gateway Community College, along with a supporting letter from Alvin Braun, requesting the Board's approval to administer "equivalent" tests to substitute the RPR test requirement.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Stephanie Dillard, Diane Sonntag, Joni Hill, John Bouley, Melanie Humphrey-Sonntag, Alvin Braun, John McDonald

Discussion: Stephanie Dillard requested permission to present new tests, which she had written, for consideration to be used as “equivalent” tests to RPR skills tests now in use. Considerable discussion followed regarding difficulty of passing the tests, more frequent testing, peer review and validation of potential new tests, independent auditing and professionally developed tests. The suggestion was made by Judge Lawrence Winthrop that Ms. Dillard’s request be presented to ACRA in order to attain goal of more frequent testing or creation of new equivalent tests.

Motion: None

3-B: *Nomination and election of the 2009 Board of Certified Reporters Chair.*

Individuals Addressing the Board: Sandra Markham

Motion: Nominate Allen Sonntag to take over position of Chair for 2009 calendar year.

Motion Proposals: First Judge Lawrence Winthrop
Second Jean Lea

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-91**

4) PENDING COMPLAINTS

4-A *Review, discussion and possible action regarding non-certificate holder Sue Baquet.*

Individuals Addressing the Board: Linda Grau, Sue Baquet

Discussion: Discussion regarding Ms. Baquet’s application for 2009 renewal of certified reporter certification and the determination that she has not held active certification since December 31, 2004. Recommendation was made that the Board petition the Superior Court for issuance of Cease and Desist Order enjoining Ms. Baquet from engaging in any activities which require certification and from representing herself as an Arizona certified reporter until such time as she is granted certification by the Board. Further discussion followed regarding a status report to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Motion: Motion to table complaint until the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Allen Sonntag
Second J. Tyrrell Taber

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-92**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John McDonald spoke of problems regarding holding Board meetings every other month rather than monthly and requested the issue be put on the agenda of the next Board meeting for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Allen Sonntag
Second J. Tyrrell Taber

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR-08-93**

Time: 2:45 p.m.

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