

Supreme Court
Board of Certified Reporters
Arizona State Courts Building
1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Conference Room CLD-1

April 15, 2008
1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Present:

Sandra Markham, Chair
Judge Lawrence Winthrop
Ty Taber

Telephonically Present:

Jean Lea
Patricia Seguin
Allen Sonntag
Kathleen Montalvo (joined @ 1:35)

Absent:

Terri Faust
Judge Robert Carter Olson

OTHER ATTENDEES

AOC Staff:

Jenny Lubben
Kandace French
Linda Grau
Nina Preston
Kimberly Siddall
Doris Leonard

Guests:

Steven King
Lisa Blanks

CALL TO ORDER

Called to Order By: *Sandra Markham, Chair*

Time: *1:06 P.M.*

1) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1-A: Regular and Executive Session Minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2008.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Sandra Markham

Discussion: Motion Proposal in Item 4-B should be Judge Winthrop, not Judge Carter Olson.

Motion: Approve Regular and Executive Session Minutes with noted change.

Motion Proposals: First Ty Taber
 Second Judge Winthrop

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR08-038**

1-B: Regular and Executive Session Minutes for the meeting of March 11, 2008.

Individuals Addressing the Board: Sandra Markham

Discussion: Ty Taber was omitted from being telephonically present.

Motion: Approve Regular and Executive Session Minutes with noted change.

Motion Proposals: First Ty Taber
 Second Judge Winthrop

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR08-039**

2) **REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS**

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall

2-A: *Review, discussion and possible action regarding pending applications for Initial Standard Certification:*

*Nancy Rowland
Lela Thomas
James Glover
Gail Ferguson
Lora Barnett*

Discussion: Staff recommended standard certification be granted to the following certificate holders:

Nancy Rowland, Lela Thomas, James Glover, Gail Ferguson and Lora Barnett.

Motion: Grant standard certification to the following certificate holders:

Nancy Rowland
Lela Thomas
James Glover
Gail Ferguson
Lora Barnett

Motion Proposals: First Judge Winthrop
Second Allen Sonntag

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR08-040**

Discussion: The application of the following certificate holder remains incomplete, pending additional information or receipt of fingerprint information.

Melanie Kirkman

Staff recommended action on the application of Ms. Kirkman be deferred to the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Defer action on the application of the following certificate holder until the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Melanie Kirkman

Motion Proposals: First: Ty Taber

Second: Judge Winthrop

Motion Results: Pass: **BCCR08-041**

2-B: Review, discussion and possible action regarding pending application for Initial Standard Certification of the following certificate holder:

Steven King

Discussion: Mr. King is present in response to Staff's request to give clarification about the termination of his job in 2006 and determine his ability to perform the requirements of being a Certified Reporter and that he can demonstrate reasonable proficiency in making verbatim records. Mr. King answered Board members' questions and explained in detail the personal circumstances causing him to lose his job.

Motion: Approve standard certification for Steven King.

Motion Proposals: First: Judge Winthrop
Second: Patricia Seguin

Motion Results: Pass: **BCCR08-042**

2-C: Review, discussion and possible action regarding pending application for renewal of certification of the following certificate holder:

Kathleen Gilmore

Discussion: Staff recommended standard certification be granted to Kathleen Gilmore.

Motion: Approve standard certification for Kathleen Gilmore.

Motion Proposals: First: Jean Lea
Second: Ty Taber

Motion Results: Pass: **BCCR08-043**

2-D: Review, discussion and possible action regarding the letter from Lisa Blanks regarding certification renewal.

Discussion: Staff recommended the Board deny Ms. Blanks' request to renew her certification and inform Ms. Blanks on the procedures to become certified. Ms. Blanks is present in her own defense. Board discussed the severity of the decision to deny her request due to situations which she claims caused her not to renew in a timely fashion, as well as not having a current address on file to receive mail sent by Staff.

Motion: Deny request of Ms. Blanks for renewal of certification.

Motion Proposals: First: Ty Taber
Second: Judge Winthrop

Further Discussion: Question called by Allen Sonntag. Issue voted on by the Board and didn't pass.

Motion: Ms. Blanks has been asked to provide documentation in support of her allegations she responded in sufficient time to be recertified. Motion amended to include due date of April 30, 2008. This matter to be deferred to the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Motion Proposals: First: Ty Taber
Second: Allen Sonntag

Motion Results: Pass: **BCCR08-043**

3) CERTIFICATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Individuals Addressing the Board: Kimberly Siddall

3-A: Review, discussion and possible action regarding the bimonthly status report submitted by the following temporary certificate holder:

Maria Geare

Discussion: The March 31, 2008 bimonthly status report of Maria Geare was reviewed. Board asked Staff to request a clearer transcription of the Doctor's notes be provided in the future.

Motion: Information only.

4) ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Individuals Addressing the Board: Jenny Lubben

4-A: Report and possible action regarding Senate bill 1050.

Discussion: Question was raised as to whether or not the Board should review a list of the proposed amendments before discussing and should ACRA be given an opportunity to review amendments? Decided it wasn't necessary or advisable. No volunteers for appointing a subcommittee to commence the processing of drafting proposed amendments to ACJA § 7-206.

Motion: Information only.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC.....Sandra Markham

Individuals Addressing the Board: Ms. Lisa Blanks

Discussion: Addressed her concern, as stated in her email attachment to Agenda Item 2-D, as to why there is a category on the website for a late renewal charge of \$50 if there is no possibility of late renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Motion Proposals: First Ty Taber
Second Judge Winthrop

Motion Results: Pass **BCCR08-044**

Time: 1:51 P.M.

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