



**Minutes from the
Executive Committee Meeting of the
Asheville Area Paralegal Association
Friday, July 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by president, Melanie Miller, at the Subway on Battery Park.

Present were Kitty Brendell, Debbie Dante, Beth Stallings, Melanie Miller, and Joan Vogt.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$7,579.83, as of July 26, 2007, which includes total disbursements of \$335.68 (including mileage reimbursement to the speaker at the Ethics Seminar, the purchase of a hand truck for use at Bele Chere, and lunch expenses at Charlotte Street Grill), and a total deposit of \$20.00 for the month of July from student membership dues.

The Membership Committee has not met; there was no report other than the mention by Kitty Brendell that AAPA now has 73 members.

The Programs Committee report, presented by Debbie Dante, summarized upcoming monthly meeting topics:

- The **September** meeting will be a lunchtime meeting and our guest will be Steve Siske, a private investigator. He will speak to us on topics such as background checks and locating witnesses. Mr. Siske has a background with ATF;

- **October** (a dinner meeting) – our own Beth Stallings will give a presentation on internet research;

- **November** (a lunch meeting) – our guest will be Lavinia Plonka, a Feldenkrais teacher, who will speak to us about body language. For additional information about this speaker, visit her website at www.laviniaplونka.com.

- **December** (a dinner meeting) – will be about self-defense.

Our upcoming late-summer social event is the picnic to be held on Saturday, September 15 at the Davidson River campground. Melanie will check on the site and make reservations. Debbie and Beth will follow up with detailed plans

The Publicity Committee was made via e-mail from Beth Stallings regarding the website update. Christel Burris had reported to Beth that she expects to have a draft of the website update to Beth by Monday (July 29), and Beth will forward the information to EC members once she receives it.

The Scholarship Committee report was also made via e-mail from Carolyn Timmons. Carolyn has been in touch with Suzanne Gregory at Southwestern Community College regarding the scholarship funds, in the amount of \$500.00, to be provided for Karen Ward. The check will be made payable to and sent to the college along with instructions for it to be applied to Karen's student account. Karen may draw on that account as needed for her tuition and books expenses. Any funds remaining at the end of the semester will be distributed directly to Karen. Karen has only two classes left to take at Southwestern. We also have another application for a scholarship pending.

Due to the fact that a quorum was not present at the last EC meeting, we voted at this time to confirm Linda Johnson's appointment as the new Salary Survey Committee chair.

Regarding the topic of changing banks, following a meeting with BB&T officers, it has been decided that the AAPA bank accounts will be moved to BB&T. AAPA will be provided with two check cards and one credit card.

There was brief mention made of Bosses' Day.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan

Joan M. Vogt, Secretary