



**Minutes from the
Executive Committee Meeting of the
Asheville Area Paralegal Association
Thursday, September 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by president, Melanie Miller, at Subway on Battery Park Avenue.

Present were Kitty Brendell, Katie Gates, Linda Johnson, Melanie Miller, and Beth Stallings. A quorum was present.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$7,009.04. This does not include the payment recently received from Bele Chere in the amount of \$2,450.18, which was deposited into an interest bearing account. This brings the total funds available to \$9,214.22.

Membership Committee: The next project will be Christmas cards. Dawn submitted via email a suggested choice for review and approval. She suggested ordering 200 cards and if ordered before November 17, will get a 50% discount.

Programs Committee: Beth Stallings stated there have been no changes to the upcoming monthly meeting topics as listed below:

- **October** (a dinner meeting to be held at Van Winkle office with box dinners probably from Loretta's) – 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.laviniaplanka.com.

- **December** (a dinner meeting) – our guest will be Lenora Topp and her topic will be about self-defense.

- **January** (a lunch meeting – our guest will most likely be Leah Broker of Broker & Hamrick.

Publicity Committee: Beth Stallings said the October meeting has been listed in the **Mountain Express**, the **Mountain Area Information Network (MAIN)** on-line calendar, business news of the **Asheville Citizen-Times** and in the **Smoky Mountain News**. She has been sending e-news on a sporadic basis; positive feedback was received on this service. There is CLE survey on the website; please make every effort to complete it.

The website continues to be updated on a weekly basis; minutes of the EC meetings are posted once they are approved and made available to Beth.

Christel continues to work on revamping the website and is awaiting information for listing drop-down items. The new member forum page will be included.

Fundraising Committee: Suggestion was made to change the renewal date for sponsorships to June. All present approved that idea.

The Scholarship Committee: Two scholarships were awarded: Karen Ward, Southwestern Community College and Sarah Lynn Bailey of South College

Salary Survey Committee: Linda Johnson agreed to chair this committee and Laurel Banks has joined the Committee. They will work on getting the survey out by mid-October, 2007.

To celebrate **Bosses' Day** on October 16, AAPA will host an ice-cream social at Marble Slab from noon until 2 PM. Beth and Kitty will be there from Noon until 1 PM and Melanie Miller will be there from 1 until 2 PM. Anyone else who can help, please do so. The gift bags have been ordered and should be here by October 3rd. Beth will take care of getting 2 or 3 items to go in the bags. There will be a stuffing party on October 4th. It was suggested that we include in the invitation (which will be sent via email) two coupons ~ one for the attorney and one for the member.

Community Service: Several calls will be made to scout for worthy projects for next year: Habitat for Humanity, Western Carolina Center for Justice, ABCCM (sponsorship of a room). The website Hands On Asheville will also be checked out.

Ideas for upcoming **social event** in late October or early November: Hayride; event at Claxton Farms; Johnson Farm in Hendersonville; Sandy Bottoms Trail Rides. More information to come later.