

**Minutes from the Annual Meeting
of the Membership of the
Asheville Paralegal Association
Thursday, April 2, 2009**

Magnolia's Raw Bar and Grille

Upon arrival, members were presented with a package of materials and "goodies" supplied by many of the Association's sponsors. Additionally, APA koozies, pens and pads were distributed to the members.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Linda Johnson.

Announcements were made as follows:

Our charity of the month is Helpmate.

In addition to 38 members being present, also in attendance were three non-members and two sponsors.

Linda made introductions of the candidates for officer positions.

There was a review of the proposed budget for 2009:

Why doesn't it balance? Because we are a non-profit organization and these are *estimates* of our upcoming income and expenses;

A question regarding the Charitable Contributions item was posed;

The lesser amount of income from Bele Chere (or other fundraisers) was explained: because our non-profit status is not yet determined by the IRS, we may not be able to participate in Bele Chere this year. Our participation at Bele Chere is our biggest fundraiser.

By a show of hands, the budget was accepted as proposed.

Carol Shuford was presented with a framed certificate as a representation of her scholarship award.

Officer elections were held, the ballots tallied and the new Board members for 2009 – 2010 are as follows:

President – Lawrel Banks
Vice-President – Candice Blakeslee
Secretary – Beth Stallings
Assistant Secretary – Alice Hudson
Treasurer – Carol Rogers
Assistant Treasurer – Aundry Freeman

Congratulations go to all of the new officers, and appreciation is extended to the membership for its participation in this important process of the Association. The new officers will assume their duties beginning on May 1, 2009.

Next on the agenda was the awarding of the \$100 Professional Development Award. Following a drawing among the membership present, the award was presented to Dorinda Watford. Congratulations, Dorinda!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Vogt

Joan Vogt, Secretary