

APSA
ARIZONA PROCESS SERVERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2018 at Continental Country Club at
2380 North Oakmont Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 at 3:43 PM

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Patty Chlebanowski, Larry Ratcliff, Kelli McFarland, Barry Goldman, Sean Laman, Ron Ezell, Don Howell and members present: Candy Ratcliff, Nathan Botsch, Attorney Charley Laman. Members present via phone conference: Shannon Goolsby, Carlos Biolet & Karla Viernes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Larry Ratcliff thanked everyone for attending the meeting both in person and those who called in on the Conference line.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Kelli personally spoke with the Verde Valley Constable, Jody Fanning, on February 16, 2018, at approximately 1100 hours at his office at 10 6th Street, Cottonwood, AZ, and asked him that very question. Constable Fanning answered, "Because I can", and handed me A.R.S. Code 22-131, along with RCP 4 (copies were attached). No other information to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Patty Chlebanowski asked if we reviewed the board minutes from March 10, 2018 that was previously emailed to the board and I did pass out a few copies to the membership that was present. Did you see any corrections that needed to be made? A motion was made by Larry Ratcliff to approve the Secretary's minutes, seconded by Barry Goldman. All in favor was asked and motion passed. Patty reported that she has kept up with the duties of the mail which was last checked on Thursday, May 31, 2018 phone checked up to May 30, 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Luis Figueroa was not present and no report sent prior to the meeting. Ron Ezell will reach out to Luis to obtain report to be emailed to the board for written/email approval..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report: Patty Chlebanowski reported everything is currently up to date on our website. We currently have about 112 paid members and including extra cities we have 136 posted on the website. Patty apologized to Barry Goldman because she was not able to get the list printed or sent to him prior to the meeting. Barry wanted to follow up with members that had not renewed their membership for this 2018 year.

Website Report:

Patty Chlebanowski reported that the website information is up to date. Sean requested to include our two paid Vendors on the website; AOT Arizona Office Technologies and

Pure Platinum Automotion, LLC. We will need to look and see where to update this information. Patty went through several emails pertaining to advertising, mobile application and website articles. The board said no on all email proposals. Several are actually junk and a couple, we just do not need at this time. We also discussed with the board about a Legal Document preparer who was disciplined by the LDP Board for not serving the papers correctly.

Larry asked Barry Goldman about creating a FACEBOOK page. Barry knows someone in his area that he can reach out to and find out the costs etc of creating a new page.

Grievance Report:

John Carpenter was not present. He has not reported any complaints to any of the board members. Larry stated he will reach out to John, since no one has heard from him in awhile.

Newsletter Report:

Barry Goldman has passed around a draft of the upcoming newsletter. He mentioned the Sheriff's Posse is now serving papers, including "Summons & Complaints", and they should not be doing this job. Barry also stated that one Posse member in particular claimed to be serving papers for execution. Charley mentioned that , he did not think the "Posse" members would be covered under their Insurance Policy either. They are also serving "Criminal Subpoenas" which is authorized because anyone can serve them, however they are usually mailed by the County Attorney.

Police Officers are able to serve "Orders of Protections" within the city limits from municipal court and Constables within their precincts from justice courts.

Barry had wrote a draft letter to the Pinal County Sheriff's office to inform them of the rules and statutes relating to serving and executing legal process, which do not include Posse members.. Larry Ratcliff made a motion to send a general letter to all of the County Sheriffs and the Sheriff's Association & another Letter to the Constables on behalf of the Association. Kelli McFarland seconded this motion. Motion passed. Larry suggested that, Barry, Charley & he and Kelli re-write this letter and also another to the Constable Association and then it can be mailed after corrections. We also felt it should be signed by the Board of Directors not just one member making a complaint.

Sean Laman suggested we contact a news agency, similar to what NAPPS did in Georgia regarding a cost comparison of what it costs to have their Sheriffs and Constables serve papers", so we can get this news to the public, about how they are using their taxpayer's money.

We need to post our TWO vendors in the upcoming newsletter and Patty asked Sean to send Barry Goldman a business card for each vendor.

Continuing Education:

Patty Chlebanowski reported the Annual conference schedule is almost complete. She read the class titles to the board. We only have one open slot to be completed on Sunday,

everything else has been scheduled. We talked about the two Vendors that Sean has coming. Patty mentioned that AALPI was also having their board meeting this weekend to finalize all details of the Conference. Patty still needs to check into the Shuttle for a Casino night for Saturday evening.

Legislative Report:

Barry Goldman talked about the trespass issue, particularly gated communities not allowing us in. We are trying to save costs to clients but they are just going to have to apply to the court to obtain Motion & Orders for Alternative service to post the gate or serve the security guards. We have not had any luck in getting this bill passed.

Larry Ratcliff explained that the security association believed it would be a conflict of interest to help us promote the bill.

Barry asked if we wanted to try again to change a court rule, and if so we would have to work with the Bar Association prior to submission. It would need to be completed prior to September to present the new rulings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Howell reported about the Polo Shirts. We originally were going to get two colors, navy blue and red. We decided at this time not to go with the red. We will order this Royal Blue with gold thread and they will be ready for the conference. We will order Polo Shirts and a few Jackets. We chose the 50/50 blend rather than the nylon/rayon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Ezell reported about attending the NAPPS conference in San Diego. They had a well attended conference and Larry Ratcliff's President's Message which he had the honor of reading for Arizona was well received. Many of the state associations have similar problems. The next NAPPS conference will be located at the Marriott World Center in May of next year.

Ron Ezell wants to make a By Law change pertaining to the number of board members, not including the immediate past president, to be voted on at the conference. He would like to have 5 directors. He will need to write it up to have Barry post it in the next newsletter.

Sean Laman asked if we could get started with a date for next year's conference. He felt it was easier to obtain vendors a year out rather than several months prior to a conference. Patty told him, it is just not our Annual Conference and both associations have to be in this conversation. She will mention it to AALPI and maybe we can choose this same location so we know ahead of time, when and where. It will always be in September she stated.

Kelli McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Larry Ratliff. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by: Patty Chlebanowski, Secretary