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# YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

## KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY MEETING**

**April 11, 2020 at 9:00 am EST**

**Meeting conducted by telephone due to coronavirus concerns**

- I. Call to Order by Mr. Horn at 9:02 a.m. Roll call taken by Mr. Metzger.

Present: Chair Zachary Horn, Chair-Elect Miranda Click, Vice Chair Megan Keane, Secretary/Treasurer Lee Metzger, Kelly Ridings, Chris Groeschen, Matt Barczcz, Sarah McKenna, Theresa McMahan, Seth Fawns, Jack Phillips, Chapin Scheumann, Bill Brammell, Elizabeth Combs.

Absent: Immediate Past Chair, Jenna Overmann, Dominik Mikulcik, Brandon Sword, Michelle Fox, Aaron Fallahi, Laura Salzman, Katee Neltner, Zack VanVactor, Christine Stanley, John Weber.

II. Officer Reports

- A. Chair-Elect: Miranda Click. Ms. Click is planning for the July summer retreat. She needs to know who still wants to be an at large member. She also wants to know what committee(s) you would like to serve on. Also, please update her with your contact information, including your current firm address, telephone number, and email address.

B. Vice Chair: Megan Keane

1. Elections Report

- a. Appointments: For the 1<sup>st</sup> district the YLD EC officers have appointed Trish Estes, and for the 7<sup>th</sup> district the officers have appointed Don Combs, to serve as district representatives.
- b. Uncontested Elections: Theresa McMahan will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative, Brittany Reilly will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Representative, Frank Schultz will be the 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative, and Lee Metzger will be the YLD Vice Chair

- c. Contested Elections: Chapin Schuemann won a contested election to be the 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative, and Kyle Bunnell won a contested election to be the 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative.

- 2. May 4, 2020 YLD Reception for Spring Swearing in Ceremony – cancelled due to COVID-19

C. Secretary/Treasurer: Lee Metzger

- 1. Financial Report – Through February 29, 2020
  - a. Revenue: \$41,498.64
  - b. Expenses: \$15,669.76
  - c. Fund Balance: \$41,075.16Balance sheet and reconciled budget provided with written materials.
- 2. Approval of Minutes for January, February, and March Meetings  
Motion by Mr. Horn. Second by Mr. Brammell. Unanimously approved.
- 3. Revised ELEVATE Policy – provided in written materials.  
Motion by Mr. Horn. Second by Ms. McMahan and Mr. Barczsz.  
Unanimously passes.

E. Chair: Zachary A. Horn

- 1. Kentucky Law Updates – YLD Mindfulness program selected.
- 2. June Supreme Court Dinner – Motion by Mr. Horn to cancel; second by Mr. Metzger. Motion unanimously carries. This meeting may be rescheduled at a later date if the Supreme Court is amenable.
- 3. Young Lawyers June Annual Meeting. The in person annual meeting, typically conducted in June at Convention, has been cancelled. Because this meeting is required under the bylaws, we will do it virtually, likely via Zoom. Date TBD. It is open to all YLD members. We will see if Melissa Blackwell will set up the Zoom call for us.

4. Legal Food Frenzy. LFF Campaign was extended due to COVID-19. By the end of our normal fundraising period, we had barely over \$16K in funds collected. The officers and LFF Committee decided to extend the campaign by three weeks to help fight coronavirus, as there has been increased demand on the food banks. We ended up raising over \$40,000 by the end of the expanded campaign, plus the food donated (which has not been tabulated yet). Mr. Horn thinks this was a very good result given the circumstances, since times are very uncertain given the health pandemic.

Winners of the campaign have not yet been announced. The Attorney General is doing a video announcement for the winners on April 17. Mr. Horn feels that presentation of awards should be pushed out until September. They can be presented during the dinner that the Bar Association is planning for that month, for all awards that would otherwise have been presented at convention.

### III. District Representative Reports – No reports.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### A. CLE Committee: Matthew Barszcz and Zack VanVactor.

1. Legal Aid University in Louisville – Cancelled.
2. Legal Aid University in Lexington – supposed to be March 30, 2020, but cancelled.

#### B. Communications: Teresa McMahan and William H. Brammell – Mr. Brammell advises that photos have been sent to KBA so that the website can be updated.

#### C. Community Outreach: Jack Phillips and Laura Salzman

1. Legal Disaster Relief – Mr. Phillips advised that most of his attention has been focused on Tennessee since March because of their tornados. ABA's Disaster Relief Services in Tennessee has been activated and Mr. Phillips has

been coordinating that. A hotline was established and Mr. Phillips has been hosting weekly conference calls with partners in that area to match up volunteers with needs. His experience in this area will be helpful if we need to mobilize with any sort of COVID-19 responses. We have not yet implemented ABA Disaster Relief Services in Kentucky, because there are certain actions that need to be taken on a federal level first.

- D. Convention: Sarah McKenna and Christine Stanley. Ms. McKenna reports the convention, previously scheduled for June 24-26, has been cancelled.
- E. Diversity: Brandon Sword and Katee E. Neltner. No report.
- F. Education Outreach: Olivia Amlung and Katee E. Neltner. No report.
- G. Law Student Outreach: Kelly Ridings and Aaron Fallahi. Ms. Ridings sent out emails calling for applications for the \$500 bar study scholarships, but received only one application. Law schools also sent out email reminders to students, but that is not as effective as announcing it in classes while school is in session. YLD typically gives one scholarship to a student from each state law school, plus one additional scholarship. Mr. Horn suggested extending the deadline to May 5, which is one week prior to the next YLD EC monthly call.
- H. Legal Food Frenzy: Elizabeth Combs and Christopher Groeschen. Ms. Combs will find out how much was donated by the public at large vs. the legal community.
- I. Membership: Megan Keane and John Weber. Ms. Keane advised of how very few nominations have been received for Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, Service to the Community Award, Service to Young Lawyers Award, and Nathaniel R. Harper Award. Mr. Horn suggested extending the deadline to May 5, 2020. Motion by Mr. Horn to extend the deadline; second by Ms. Keane. Motion unanimously carries.

J. ABA YLD Representatives Reports – Jack Phillips and Seth Fawns

1. Mr. Fawns reports that the ABA at the Capitol event is being moved to a virtual meeting in late April.
2. Mr. Fawns spoke to Mr. Sword and Ms. Neltner about the Why Choose Law Event. There has been difficulty in approaching the UofL Dean because of the fact that classes have gone to being exclusively online. The event may need to be cancelled.

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Next Meetings

- A. May 12, 2020 telephonic meeting
- B. June 25, 2020 telephonic annual meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Horn at 10:04 a.m. Second by Ms. Scheumann. Motion unanimously carries.