

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

**KBA Young Lawyers Division
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST
Lexington, KY – Dinsmore & Shohl (100 W. Main Street, 9th Floor)**

I. Call to Order

Ms. Combs called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. EST. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Executive Committee Members present in person/on Zoom included: Elizabeth Combs; Don Combs; Kyle Bunnell; Lee Metzger; Christine Stanley; Blake Johnson; Lindsay Porter; Kelsey Bryant; Ryan Mosley; Jennifer Dominici; Franklin Milam; Brittany Riley; Whitney Rowe; Chris Barber; and Kara Legg;

Executive Committee members absent were: Calesia Henson; Jonas Bastien; Amanda Johnson; Lincoln Caudill; Kristen Cody; Carlin Conway; Elivia Rabe; Sam Reinhardt; Janet Luo; Alex Stewart; Sebastian Torres; Janet Luo; Lexy Holland; Linda Dixon; Al'Lisha Hanserd; Dayana Perez; Alexis Ecarma; and Ashely Sexton.

II. Officer Reports

1. Chair: Elizabeth A. Combs

Ms. Combs provided her report. A letter to all newly admitted lawyers was sent out recently. Ms. Combs also reminded Executive Committee members of the Swearing-In Reception at the Kentucky Bar Center in Frankfort on October 20th from 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. and encouraged members to attend, if possible. Ms. Combs also stated that she had provided a report to the Board of Governors recently which included information about the 2024 Legal Food Frenzy Campaign as well as the YLD Member Spotlight and Wellness Wednesday Spotlight.

2. Chair-Elect: Don Combs

Mr. Combs provided his report. The reconciled budget from last year showed a reconciled balance of \$49,818.36. Mr. Combs asked for a motion to approve the reconciled budget. Mr. Bunnell made the Motion and Mrs. Stanley second. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

3. Vice-Chair: Kyle Bunnell

Mr. Bunnell provided his report. Mr. Bunnell asked for a Motion to approve the September 19, 2023 General Business meeting minutes. Mr. Combs made the Motion and Mrs. Stanley second. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Mr. Bunnell also provided a report from the Kentucky Bar Foundation. Mr. Bunnell informed the Executive Committee that he would be serving on the development

subcommittee of the KFB and the first meeting would take place in November. Mr. Bunnell also reported about the YLD's sponsorship of the Judge Johnstone Dinner on October 24, 2023. The Judge Johnstone Dinner is one of the KBF's largest fundraisers and will be held in Hopkinsville this year. After briefly informing the Executive Committee about Judge Johnstone and his legacy, Mr. Bunnell reported that the YLD sponsors the event yearly as a \$400 contribution, which is a line item on the budget.

III. District Representative Reports

1. First – Mr. Johnson reported that the YLD will host a happy hour at the Piano Bar in Paducah on 10/26 following the KLU.
2. Second – Ms. Porter reported that the YLD will host a happy hour at Toro in conjunction with the 11/30 KLU in Bowling Green.
3. Third – Ms. Bryant reported that a Holiday Happy Hour will be held at Local Honey in London for the Third District sometime in December and plans were being finalized for that event.
4. Fourth – Ms. Henson provided her report to Mr. Bunnell. She is working to finalize a location for the 11/9 happy hour, which will be held after the KLU in Louisville. She is working with the Louisville Bar Association to publicize the event.
5. Fifth – Mr. Bastien had advised that a happy hour was held in Lexington on 10/12 after the KLU event. The YLD partnered with the KBF for the happy hour, which was well-attended.
6. Sixth – Ms. Johnson provided her report to Mr. Bunnell. The Sixth District is hosting a Halloween Happy Hour with the Northern Kentucky Bar Association on October 20 at the Wooden Castle Brewery. A flyer will be emailed to members in the district soon.
7. Seventh – Mr. Mosley reported that a happy hour is scheduled to follow the KLU in Pikeville on 11/16.

IV. Committee Reports

1. CLE: Ryan D. Mosley and Amanda Johnson

The Committee is working on coordinating dates and planning for the Legal Aid University CLE events. Additionally, the Solo/Small Firm Seminar (in partnership with LMICK) will be held at UK Law in the Spring of 2024.

Although the deadline for convention proposals has passed, Mrs. Stanley stated that if EC members have any ideas or potential presentation topics, to transmit those to her as soon as possible.

2. Communications: Alex Stewart and Blake Johnson

The Committee requested continued submissions and sharing of YLD Member Spotlights and Wellness Wednesday posts.

Additionally, the Committee is working with LMICK to share and provide LMICK-related content on the YLD Social Media outlets.

3. Community Outreach: Elivia Rabe and Kristen Cody

No report.

4. Convention: Christine Stanley and Janet Luo

The Committee provided updates related to the planning of this year's convention. The Annual Convention 2024 for will be May 9-10 in Covington. Mrs. Stanley stated that she and Ms. Luo had recently joined the Events Planning Subcommittee of the Convention Committee.

Additionally, Mrs. Stanley shared that the plan for this year's committee is to have a two-day in-person option as well as an online only option.

5. Education Outreach: Jonas Bastien, Franklin Milam, and Al'lisha Hanserd

The Committee reported that they are engaging District Representatives to target school districts for U@18 planning. The Committee is also working at reviewing the previous years' content to re-visit any updates.

6. Health and Wellness: Jennifer Dominici and Brittany Riley

The Committee reported that additional Bar the Stigma magnets will be ordered. Additionally, the Committee continues to work on programming/content for Wellness Wednesday posts in conjunction with the Communications Committee.

Finally, Mr. Riley Reported that she was able to attend the recent Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health Town Halls and the following Town Halls would be held at the following locations/dates: 10/11 – Lexington; 10/25 – Paducah; 11/8 – Louisville; 11/15 – Pikeville; and 11/29 – Bowling Green.

7. Inclusion and Diversity: Calesia Henson, Linda Dixon, and Ashley Sexton

The Committee reported that they are working on securing speakers for the Why Choose Lose Program which will be held at the NKU Chase College of Law this summer. Additionally, the Committee is discussing additional diversity initiatives that can be implemented this year.

8. Law Student Outreach: Kelsey Bryant and Lindsay Porter

The Committee reported that the Road Less Travelled events will be held in the spring after discussions with the respective law schools. The Committee also reported that its first social event was held in conjunction with UK Law and there was some issue with the W-9 from UK to remit payment. The Committee

is working on finalizing that and cutting the check. The Committee continues to work with the remaining law schools on planning social events.

The Committee is also working on tabling events at each law school in conjunction with LMICK. These tabling events will be held in late November before finals begin.

9. Legal Food Frenzy: Lexy Holland, Lincoln Caudill, and Sebastian Torres

The Committee reported that they have held their introductory team meeting with Feeding Kentucky and other partners to discuss the 2024 Campaign. Additionally, the Committee is working with the respective Attorney General candidates to discuss/secure participation from the incoming Attorney General elect's office.

Ms. Holland said she was also working on securing prize packages for this year's March Madness themes and would be reaching out to last year's sponsors to secure those prizes.

10. Membership: Kyle Bunnell and Whitney Rowe

The Committee thanked Ms. Combs for drafting the letter to newly admitted lawyers and also reminded the EC about the KBA Fall Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, October 20.

Additionally, the Committee continues to work on membership anniversaries and birthdays emails to its membership as well as targeting YLD-eligible members of the bar who are non-members.

11. New Events: Carlin Conway, Sam Reinhardt, and Chris Barber

The Committee provided that the 2024 Barrister's Ball will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at The Clerestory at Greyline (101 W. Loudon Ave, Lexington). The Committee reported there will be a DJ as well as photo booth this year, instead of live music.

12. Ad-Hoc Committees

a. Investment Research Committee

The investment committee discussed options as to whether they should request information about opening an investment account or CD to start a "rainy day" fund. Several members discussed how this might affect our yearly operating budget and restrict access to funds in the event they were needed. Additionally, EC members commented whether the benefit to our members should be saving money for the future or applying those funds to the present membership. The

Committee will continue to explore avenues for long-term or short-term investment with these considerations in mind.

b. Question 31 Research Committee

The Committee continued its discussion with EC members about the revised language of Question 31 which comes closer to accomplishing the Committee's goal but stops short of removal of the question. The Committee will continue to discuss the question with its partners and research the issue to formulate next steps.

V. Affiliate Representative Reports

1. American Bar Association – Jonas Bastien

Planning for the ABA Midyear Meeting to be held in Louisville on January 31-February 5, 2024 is underway. The Committee as well as officers will meet with ABA representatives to discuss additional planning in the coming weeks to prepare for the meeting.

2. National Bar Association – Linda Dixon

No report.

3. Fayette County Bar Association – Chris Barber

Mr. Barber informed the EC that the FCBA YLS will host its annual Thanksgiving Day drive.

4. Louisville Bar Association – Al'lisha Hanserd

No report.

5. Northern Kentucky Bar Association – Ashley Sexton

No report.

6. Bowling Green Bar Association – TBD

A discussion was had regarding filling this position with a Bowling Green Bar affiliate in the next year.

7. NKU Chase College of Law – Dayana Perez

No report.

8. UK Rosenberg College of Law – Kara Legg

Ms. Legg reported that she attended the UK/YLD Social Event and would assist with any logistics for the tabling with LMICK/YLD during law school finals at UK.

9. UofL Brandeis School of Law – Alexis Ecarma

No report.

VI. Old Business

No old business.

VII. New Business

The Board discussed the criteria for the Leadership Kentucky programs. Mr. Bunnell explained that since the scholarship was conceived that the Leadership Kentucky Program has also grown to include Bright, a program targeted toward the Appalachian region. The EC discussed expanding the scholarship criteria, currently available for YLD members to participate in Elevate so that YLD members can apply the scholarship money to any Leadership Kentucky Program.

Mr. Combs made a motion to revise the guidelines and post the updated guidelines on the website regarding same. Mr. Bunnell seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIII. Adjournment

Before entertaining a motion to adjourn, Ms. Combs reminded the EC that lunch will follow today at Dudley's and that the next Executive Committee Business Meeting will be held on Zoom on **November 21, 2023**. Mr. Bunnell will send the link to the meeting as well as Agenda, October Minutes, and updated financials before the meeting.

Ms. Combs asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Porter. The Motion passed unanimously via voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kyle R. Bunnell

Kyle R. Bunnell, Vice-Chair