

**Federal Litigation Section Teleconference Meeting
June 28, 2017**

1. John McCarthy called the meeting to order.
2. *Roll Call.* John McCarthy; Susan Pitchford; Nicole Newlon; Aaron Bulloff; Jeffrey Cox; Doug Truxillo; Josh Albertson.
3. *Minutes.* Susan moved to approve; second by Jeff Cox. Unanimously approved.
4. *Treasurer's Report.* For May 2017, total revenue was \$5,720. Total expenses were \$477.00. The balance as of May 31, 2017 is \$103,949.00.
5. *Newsletter.* The newsletter has received multiple offers from prospective authors for various topics of interest. Susan sent a Constant Contact alert that generated very positive responses. Jeff is currently corresponding with 12 different authors throughout the country with article proposals. Jeff anticipates receiving approximately 7-8, perhaps more, articles for the Fall Edition. Those articles received thereafter will be queued for the Winter Edition. There is a good mix of subject matter in terms of the articles, and Jeff is pleased with the traction that the newsletter is receiving.

Jeff indicated that he received a write-up from the April Wagstaffe Workshops, as well as the Veterans and Military Conference, a Sacramento event that the Federal Litigation Section co-sponsored. Jeff is looking for someone to write a summary of the Capitol Hill Day, including a mention of the FLS's participation in that event. Ideally this newsletter will get published before the National meeting in Atlanta, so that we can preview the FLS sponsored events being hosted there. John also indicated he would like to highlight the 2018 Litigation Conference in the newsletter, which he will also include in his Chairman's message. If there is anything else from any of the local Chapters that are FLS-related, then Jeff can also include those references in the newsletter.

6. *Programming leaders.* John received an email from Andrea Marconi. Andrea reports that we are on target for September 21, 2017 Wagstaffe event in Phoenix to be co-sponsored by the Phoenix chapter. John has asked Andrew to spearhead the Wagstaffe events on the West Coast, and the Phoenix event is the first one of the series out West.
7. *National Report.* Josh Albertson inquired whether FLS is interested in holding a meeting at the National Conference. John responded affirmatively. Josh informed the Board that attendance for the Atlanta meeting appears strong. We are hosting a reception on Friday evening.
8. *FLS Committees.* There are no reports from any of the FLS Committees. John would like to ascertain whether there is a way and if so, how, we might be able to get the Committees more actively involved between FLS Board meetings. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact John.

9. *Sponsorship Request.* There is a request for sponsorship, though we have not received all of the relevant details. The Sixth Circuit FBA Chapters are having a conference in October (the 3rd) in Cincinnati. There is a request from the Sixth Circuit Vice President, Tom McNeil, for financial assistance for the event. John has asked them to provide detail for the request. John has also inquired whether they would be amenable to having a Wagstaffe portion of the presentation. Tom appeared supportive, but he has not been able to contact the program leadership. If we receive a request, John will circulate via email if we receive before the next Board meeting.

10. *New business.*
 - a. Aaron inquired whether the Newsletter Committee should take a more direct approach in terms of acquiring newsletter articles, instead of sending a general email to all potential authors. If the Committee or Board knows of a prolific author, Aaron suggested contacting that person directly. Aaron also inquired whether there would be any judges (and/or law clerks) who would be willing to write an article if we approach them directly. Finally, Aaron suggested that the Board members, individually, reach out to the Litigation Department management of law firms in our area to ascertain whether they have any attorneys/lawyers in their respective departments who might be willing to write an article on a topic of interest.
 - b. John discussed the Wagstaffe series and inquired whether there were any suggestions on locations to target next. While John is aware there is interest in the Midwest, he is waiting to ascertain what happens with the Sixth Circuit and their sponsorship request.
 - i. Aaron indicated that he heard there was interest/potential interest farther West, in the Missouri/Illinois area. Aaron also suggested that we might hold a Wagstaffe conference in the cities in which National will be holding the annual conferences approximately one year before the scheduled conference, to generate interest in the program.
 - ii. Susan indicated that she did not believe it was likely that there would be interest from other districts in the Pacific Northwest based on the size of their Chapters. Susan briefly discussed the idea with the local chapter, and they have an interest in hosting the event, but they don't have the current capacity to host the event with a district conference. So any interest would likely be in the 2018 timeframe. Susan also inquired whether it would be worthwhile to bring a Wagstaffe presentation to the FLS Conference. Additionally, Susan inquired whether the Western District of Washington would be interested in hosting an event. They expressed some interest, and will get back with Susan.

John adjourned the meeting at 12:59. The next meeting of the FLS Board is scheduled for August 2, 2017.