

**AFCC Texas Chapter Board Of Board Meeting
South Texas School Of Law**

February 8, 2008

- I. Meeting Called To Order
 - A. The Membership of the Texas Chapter of AFCC met on February 8, 2008. Martha Musselman, President of the AFCC Texas Chapter called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm at the South Texas College of Law.

- II. Introduction of Board of Directors
 - A. Present and introduced - Martha Musselman, Aaron Robb, Mardi Adams, Judge Frank Rynd, Stephanie Hall, Patricia Barrett, David Eaker, Louise Lee

 - B. General Board Policies – provided in packets for reference. Should be inclusive as to all policies that are currently in place. Board members are to keep packages updated with current policies.

- III. Old Business
 - A. 2007 Budget – reviewed and discussed by Patricia Barrett .Move to adopt by David Eaker, seconded Aaron Robb approved by unanimous consent. Chapter membership and board meeting minutes moved by David Eaker, seconded by Aaron Robb, approved by unanimous consent.
 - B. Chapter Membership Meeting
 - Louise explained process for phone meetings
 - Louise presented teleconference minutes
 - Updated about what other state organizations are doing with regards to conferences, chapter events, etc.
 - C. 2007 Annual Chapter Report by Aaron Robb
 - D. 2007 Annual Financial Report by Patricia Barrett

- IV. New Business
 - A. Patricia Barrett presented the 2008 budget. Discussion on different categories and line items in the budget as they compared to the numbers from 2006 and 2007. Vote to accept budget for 2008 moved to accept by Aaron Robb, seconded by David Eaker approved by unanimous consent
Request by Aaron to split out all line items on the conference budget, not to lump everything together in broad categories to make future planning easier.
Reviewed conference budget items
 - B. Amendment to by-laws – Lobbying Discussion present by David Eaker from committee. Recommendation that board accept the outlined policy that provide. The wording on the Texas Chapter of AFCC Policy on Public Representation will be changed to read (bold indicates the change):

Individual members of TX AFCC may identify themselves as members of TX AFCC, however they may not represent that they speak for or act on behalf of TX AFCC as a whole. The President of TX AFCC is solely authorized to speak for or act on behalf of TX AFCC as a whole provided they have consulted with the **TX AFCC executive committee**.

Motion to accept the policy by Louise Lee, seconded by Patricia Barrett, approved by unanimous consent

Motion to amend by-laws by Aaron Robb, seconded by Judge Rynd, approved by unanimous consent

Will be put to the general meeting held at the conference

C. Committee Reports

1. Finance/Audit – Chair – Trevor Townes members Martha Musselman, Patricia Barrett, discussed role of committee chair and members Audit December 1, 2008
2. Conference Planning Coordination Committee – Martha Musselman, Louise Lee. Louise discussed letter for sponsorship. Louise is working with a group of attorneys in the Houston area. Conference title finalized as "Full Spectrum of Domestic Violence: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You ". Hotels have not been confirmed at this time. Discussed price ranges and options.
3. Membership/Education – Louise Lee, David Eaker, dropped member list discussed, membership drive at conference in Feb, trade of advertising pages in conference with Association of Marriage and Family Therapists in future events discussed. Look for possible reciprocal ads and promotions with other organizations.

Discussion of continued recognition of seminars for PC luncheons. Support will be discontinued. David Eaker to mail a letter.
4. Publications - Martha Musselman –newsletter to go out in February. Martha will talk to Jack Bannin regarding newsletter articles.
5. AFCC Chapter Council Representatives – Louise Lee as President Elect will take over (as per minutes) Next 2/14/2008
6. Nominations – Judge Rynd chair, Louise Lee to work on committee

7. PC Taskforce – PCs reporting to Aaron Robb they enjoy state wide forum specific to Texas. Family Law Foundation using copies of AFCC guidelines for PC. Aaron Robb will continue to maintain the PC taskforce as an email group.
8. Policy on Lobbying Activity – 501(c)3 restrictions on lobbying activities. Parent Organization working on guidelines. David Eaker and Martha Musselman developed policy to be adopted by the board to ensure that chapter 501(C)3 or parent organization not being jeopardized.

Discussion on accepting the policy and then changing the policy at a later date to merge and modify with the Parent Organization.

Aaron presented an alternate policy. Martha explained Roberts Rules of Order regarding debate, requesting a motion to either accept the policy as presented or return it to committee.

Motion by Judge Rynd to accept committee report and to change title to Texas AFCC Policy on Political Involvement, seconded by Louise Lee

Motioned carried with 1 opposed , 7 in favor

D. Goals for 2008

1. Board Members Individual Goals

- Louise Lee conference success and standard of measure
- Martha Musselman sponsorship and getting good presenters
- Aaron Robb to grow the strength of the board and to increase the electronic information to board members and general membership.

E. Distinguished Service awards – awards prepared by Aaron Robb, will be given out by different board members. Houston awards to be given out in Judge Rynd's court on Tuesday, February 12 time to be confirmed later.

Motion that Aaron be reimbursed for the additional cost of the service awards by Louise Lee, seconded by Judge Rynd, all in agreement, approved by unanimous consent.

F. Announcement of TX AFCC BOD scheduled meetings for 2008

- Friday June 13, 2008 @1:00 pm NOELKE ENGLISH MAPLES ST. LEGER, L.L.P, 901 S. Mopac Expressway, Barton Oaks Plaza II, Suite 200, Austin , Texas. 512.480.9777 www.nems-law.com
- Thursday, October 2, 2008 @4:00 pm. South Texas College of Law, Dean's Board Room, Houston, 713-659-8040

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm