

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2004, 5:30 P.M.

DOA, 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM C

Present: Jane M. Anthony, Helen Christy, Joyce Dolbec, Mary Ann Miller, Kathy Nadeau, Cindy Wilson.

Excused Absence: Lela Morgan, Linda Newton.

Present Non-Voting: Shanna Wells.

Call to Order

Chair Jane Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Consent Agenda

Joyce Dolbec made a motion accept the Consent Agenda with one typographical correction. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Update

None.

Director's Report

Neil Severance of the RI Foundation called regarding the Freda H. Goldman Award. He would like to receive more input from the

Commission on selecting the winners. He would like to discuss this further. Jane Anthony stated she would call him. Joyce Dolbec made a motion accept the Director's Report. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee: The Committee met on June 14th. The current status of the bills supported by the Commission is as follows:

v S.B. 2228 – Speedy Trial for Victims of Domestic Violence: The Senate Judiciary recommended a hearing on March 30th, but no further action has been taken.

v S.B. 2351/H.B. 8037 – Job Security for Crime Victims Attending Court: This passed and is effective without the Governor's signature. It is now law.

v S.B. 2475, 2571/H.B. 7368, 7369: Domestic Violence Handgun Legislation: These bills would require any person who has a permanent protection order lodged against them to surrender any firearms in their possession. Law enforcement's service weapons are exempt from this legislation. On May 27th the House Bills passed and moved to the Senate where they are languishing.

v S.B. 2902/H.B. 7655 – Video Voyeurism – This bill passed the House and tomorrow the full senate will vote on this Bill. The Senate Judiciary Committee recommends passage.

Legislative Committee: Attached is a letter created by Chair Cindy Wilson for submission to all the Chapter Chairs of the Legal Rights

Handbook. For those chapters where the chair has moved on, a member of the committee will be selected for receipt of the letter. The Legislative Committee discussed developing position papers on women's access to the legal system. Jane Anthony stated that some research has already been completed on this and will forward this information to Legislative Committee Chair, Cindy Wilson. Helen Christy made a motion to accept the Legislative Committee Report. Mary Anne Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee: The Commission budget was reviewed. Helen Christy suggested purchasing awards for the upcoming Woman of the Year Award, a new copier/printer/fax machine, and making a deposit on the Crowne Plaza for the Woman of the Year Event. Jane Anthony asked that the supply cost for the copier be confirmed in writing prior to purchasing the machine, so we are not surprised by hidden costs later on down the road. The Commissioners discussed the suggestion to make a \$2000 deposit to Crowne Plaza. Mary Anne made a motion to accept the 2004 budget as suggested by the Finance Committee. Joyce Dolbec seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Committee: The Health Committee met earlier in the day. Lt. Governor Charles Fogarty presented information on his Comprehensive Health Care Package. Chair Mary Anne Miller stated 12 members of the Health Care Committee were in attendance, and the meeting went well. Mary Anne will give Shanna Wells a copy of

the Lt. Governor's presentation materials for distribution to the Commissioners. Joyce Dolbec made a motion to accept the Health Committee Report. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Woman of the Year Event: Shanna Wells emailed the entire mailing list with "Save the Date" cards, Nomination Forms and a letter from Jane Anthony describing nomination criteria. Shanna Wells obtained three quotes for a perpetual plaque and acrylic awards. As stated above, a \$2000 deposit will be given to Crowne Plaza to reserve the space for the event.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Proposal for Collaboration with Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Jane Anthony stated that she would like more information from Steve Florio, Director of the CDHH, about what issues he wants to address, who will host the events and who will be responsible for providing the interpreters.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Mary Anne Miller made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday, July 19th, 5:30 PM, DOA 2nd Floor Conference Room B.

Approved by the Executive Committee on August 23, 2004.

Signed by: Jane M. Anthony, Chairperson