

HCACDL
ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2009

The meeting was held at Teatro's Restaurant in Ybor City and was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by John Fernandez, President. In attendance were

Executive Board Members

John Fernandez, President
Randy Grantham, Vice-President

Board of Directors

John Grant
Julianne Holt
Joe Bodiford
Miriam Velez

General Membership

Mike Maddux	Jason Valkenburg	Dustin Hay
Danicet Cura	Mark Rankin	Linda Ramirez
Steve Crawford	Kim Seace	Christina Pappas Mattasini
Jeff Brown	Pat Doherty	Melissa Wilson
Lily McCarty	Jose Barreiro	John Castro
Hubbell Losson	Tav Gomez	Barry Taracks
Matthew Easterwood		

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Anthony Edward Porcelli addressed the organization.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The President gave his annual report and announced the following:

- The Board of Directors met five (5) times during calendar year 2009 and The President acknowledged Executive Committee members Randy Grantham, Terryn Bennett, Angela Wright, Mauricio Hued, and Directors Julie Holt, Miriam Velez, John Grant, Joe Bodiford, Joe Caimano, Eddie

Suarez and Paul Sisco for their participation. The President also acknowledged HCACDL members Mike Maddux, Kim Seace, Frances Perrone, Jim Amarosa and Ryan Sawdy for their attendance at one or more meetings.

- The President reported on the activity of committees chaired by Miriam Velez, John Grant and Miriam Velez.
- A membership drive was headed by Miriam Velez and resulted in forty-four (44) paid members, including fifteen (15) members who are Assistant Public Defenders and sponsored by Public Defender Julie Holt. Eilam Isaak was also recognized as a life member.
- The HCACDL list-serv is up and serves the purpose of educating members on issues involving the courthouse, legal research, local news, hearing coverage, etc. All members are encouraged to join the list-serv and should contact Vice President Randy Grantham to join.
- The website is at <http://sites.google.com/site/hcacdl/home> and will continue to grow as a resource. There will be articles and the minutes of board meetings as just one example of making this a member friendly resource. The President acknowledged Joe Bodiford and Rex Curry for their efforts.
- The annual meeting for last year's annual meeting featuring the late Victor Pelligrino was approved for CLE credit.
- HCACDL members John Fernandez, Randy Grantham, John Grant, Mike Maddux and Joe Bodiford represented the organization at FACDL board meetings.
- There is a corporate balance of \$2,800 and Mauricio Hued has served as Treasurer, replacing Angela Wright, who resigned.
- The corporate status was activated and the 1979 Articles of Incorporation are still in effect.
- The President recognized past officers and directors Steve Crawford, Shelly Reback, Joe Bodiford and Mike Maddux.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To keep dues at the same amount, which is \$50 for a private practitioners, \$25 for government attorneys and \$500 for lifetime members (Hued, second by Maddux, approved unanimously)

MOTION: To adopt the 2010 by-laws (Velez, second by Bodiford); Motion TABLED at request of Bodiford to review the by-laws; Friendly Amendment made to retitle the by-laws to include reference to the 2010 amendments (Doiford, second Velez, Motion as amended approved unanimously)

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The following candidates were offered by the President to serve as the Executive Committee for 2010: John Fernandez, President, Miriam Velez, Vice President, John Grant, Secretary, Randy Grantham, Treasurer and Joe Bodiford, Immediate Past President.

Discussion was held on the unusual recommendation of having a President serve a second term. Joe Bodiford nominated Miriam Velez for President. Ms. Velez declined the nomination.

A vote was held and the Executive Committee as proposed was approved unanimously.

John Fernandez, President

Miriam Velez, Vice President

John Grant, Secretary

Randy Grantham, Treasurer and

Joe Bodiford, Immediate Past President.

The following candidates were offered by the President to serve on the Board of Directors for 2010: Julie Holt, Mike Maddux, Joe Caimano, Howard Andersson, Kim Seace and Jim Amarosa.

Ms. Velez nominates Matthew Easterwood and Liley McCarty.

A vote was held and the Board of Directors as proposed and nominated were approved unanimously.

Julie Holt, Mike Maddux, Joe Caimano, Howard Andersson

Kim Seace Jim Amarosa Liley McCarty Matthew Easterwood

The first Board of Directors meeting for calendar year 2010 will be January 15, 2010, at 11:45 a.m. at the Hillsborough County Law Library.

The meeting was adjourned on proper motion at 1:00 p.m.