

## **ABCR Meeting Minutes**

### **August 15, 2008**

The Alabama Board of Court Reporting met on Friday, August 15, 2008, in order to conduct regular Board Business. Those present were as follows: Judge Aubrey Ford, Chair; Joseph Fawal, Member; Shannon Ball, Member; Deanna Johnson, Member; and Laura Nichols, Member. Suzanne Frazier, Vice-Chair; and Sydney Frazier, Member; were not present. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Bettie Carmack, Assistant Attorney General; and Brandy L. Vanorden, Licensing Agent and serving as Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting was advertised on the Secretary of State's Web site and the Board Web site, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Joseph Fawal made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 15, 2008, Board Meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Deanna Johnson and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Deanna Johnson to release an Invitation to Bid for Investigative Services with the bid specifications presented. The motion was seconded by Shannon Ball and passed unanimously by the Board.

Joe Fawal made a motion for the Board to abandon providing a state licensing exam after the already advertised examinations in August and November of 2008, and after that to only accept the national examination provided by NCRA or NVRA and to amend the Rules and Regulations as follows:

#### **"257-X-3-.06 Examination**

Applicants for licensure, must provide documentation of having passed the NCRA registered Professional Reporter (RPR) Examination and ~~must pass an Alabama Skills Examination or~~ provide documentation of having passed the NCRA Registered Professional Reporter Examination or NVRA CRA Examination. ~~The preparation, administration, and grading of the examination shall be conducted by ACRA under the supervision of the Board.~~

~~(1) Examinations shall be given at least twice each calendar year.~~

~~(2) Notice of Examination dates shall be published on the Board Web Site at least 120 days prior to the date set for the examination.~~

~~(3) Applications for Examination must be filed with the board at least 30 days prior to the examination date.~~

~~(4) Exam Results shall be mailed to the applicant by certified mail to the applicant's address of record."~~

#### **257-X-7 Appendices I**

##### **Fee Schedule**

License Fee \$100

Application Fee \$ 50

Renewal Fee \$100

Late Renewal Fee 20% of License Fee each month

Temporary License Renewal Fee \$ 50

Re-Instatement Fee \$300

~~Examination Fee \$ 75"~~

The motion was seconded by Laura Nichols and passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Laura Nichols to have Teri Gaudet be the grader for the final exams the Board will hold in August and November of 2008 for a cost of \$10 per test. The motion was seconded by Shannon Ball and passed unanimously by the Board.

The time being 11:36 a.m. and there being no further Board business, the meeting was adjourned. The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for November 15, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judge Aubrey Ford, Chair

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Suzanne Frazier, Vice-Chair

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

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Brandy VanOrden, Licensing Agent and serving as Recording Secretary