**HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 7, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. at the Cooper House.  President, Doug Martinson, II, Vice President/President-Elect, Derek Simpson, Treasurer, Travis Jackson, and Secretary, Nicole Schroer, presided.  The Honorable Donna Pate gave the invocation.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT**

The minutes from the April 2017 meeting were distributed and unanimously approved.  The Treasurer’s report was presented as follows:

BAR ASSOCIATION

            Compass General Account:                                        $23,770.78

             Compass CD:                                                              $25,000.00

Compass Money Market: $95,122.51

            Compass Ben Boyanton Scholarship Account:          $8,642.20

            Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship Account:        $53,731.87

           Regions Sarah Jaye Daye Scholarship CD:                $68,256.96

            LAW FOUNDATION

            Compass Account:                                                      $27,490.81

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Doug Martinson called upon members to introduce guests. The following guests were present at the meeting: Isabella Mensey, Harrison Wagner, Carl Wymer, Andy Laster, the Honorable Herman Rusty Johnson, Logan Abernathy. Allison Booth, Arlana Johnson, Steve Stephens, Zach Anderson, Sam Wilwerding, Hunter Garnett, and Renee Russell.

**Membership and Professionalism Committee**

**Chair Jeremiah Hodges announced that there were no new members.**

**Continuing Legal Education Committee**

Chair Mark Debro announced that the next Lunch and Learn would take place on June 14, 2017 at the new HMCBA offices. Clay Martin will present on “Proving Injuries in Personal Injury Cases”. Warren and Simpson will sponsor the Lunch and Learn. Attendees need to register in advance and there is a limit of 60 attendees.

**Young Lawyers Section**

The Young Lawyers will host a social event at OTBX from 5-7pm on June 7, 2017.

**Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program**

Nicole thanked all volunteers who assisted with our City of Madison Wills for Heroes Clinic. We assisted over 20 first responders with wills, advanced medical directives, and power of attorney forms. We are looking to do a second Wills for Heroes Clinic in the Fall.

We are also making plans for Pro Bono Brews 2017 and looking for sponsorships. Thank you to all of the firms and individuals who have already committed to sponsorships. If you or your firm is interested in being a sponsor for the event, please let Nicole know. If you are interested in serving on the Pro Bono Brews committee, please contact Nicole as well.

Nicole Schroer advised that the MCVLP has several matters which need assistance. We also have sign-ups for our weekly Lawyer for a Day project, as well as our monthly Family Law Case Assessment Clinics. Each of these projects only require a commitment from you for a few hours on a single date. Nicole asked for everyone to take a case or get involved with the MCVLP in some sort of capacity.

If you need an extra incentive to get involved, Nicole advised that the State Bar has recently approved the award of CLE hours for pro bono service and the MCVLP is an approved pro bono provider. You can earn **one (1) hour of MCLE credit for every six (6) hours of pro bono work completed for a maximum of three (3) MCLE credits in a twelve (12) month period.**

**Taze Shepard also reported that the MCVLP is developing a Panel of Experts and solicited attorneys to serve on the Panel and advised young attorneys of the resource.**

**Other Announcements**

Doug reported that the terms of Derek Simpson and Clay Martin are set to expire on the Judicial Commission. The term is 6 years and the Nominating Committee has prepared a list of individuals as potential representatives. Individuals may also be nominated with the endorsement of 20 attorneys. Nomination forms are available from Nicole Schroer. All Nomination forms must be returned to Nicole by the end of the meeting.

Doug recognized and commended Cindy and Cathy for getting the new HMCBA offices set-up. He encouraged members to visit the new offices. He also expressed his thanks to Cooper House and Walter Thames for our new meeting space and catering. Doug further advised that there is space at the new offices which attorneys could rent for depositions and other matters.

Cindy advised that information regarding the health insurance plan is now on the HMCBA website. She encouraged members to share with others so that we could reach additional individuals in need of health insurance. The more individuals involved in the policy, the more reasonable the premiums will remain.

**PROGRAM**

Derek Simpson introduced the speaker, Representative Rich Wingo. Representative Wingo spoke on the topic of “Challenge: Where are you aligned?”.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Schroer                                          Cindy Seeley

Secretary                                             Executive Director