

## **BOARD MINUTES**

**July 13-15, 2005**

**Bill Linkous**  
**Greg Fullerton**  
**Adam Gaslowitz** (Secretary/Treasurer)  
**Mark Williamson**  
**Kelly Wolk**  
**Larry Jones**  
**Ann Salo**  
**Melissa Walker** (Immediate Past Chair)  
**Richard Barnes**  
**Faryl Moss** (Chair)  
**Alan Rothchild** (Chair Elect)

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### **Reports**

**Melissa Walker (Immediate Past Chair):** Things she wanted to accomplish during her recently ended term as Chair included getting new consumer information pamphlets produced and getting the section's web site beefed up. There was also a joint newsletter with Probate Notes in July, August, and January.

**Ann Solo:** **Forms Committee** – Reported that Jorgia Northrup did first draft of new probate court forms (finalized by Judge Clarke) based in part on the new Guardianship Code that was recently adopted.

**Larry Jones:** Dates for next year's fiduciary law institute are July 13-15, 2006. It will continue to be held at the King & Prince for the foreseeable future.

Athens – The Annual Estate Planning Institute will be held Feb. 10-11, 2006.

Attendance at this year's fiduciary law institute – 300.

**Kelly Wolk:** **Elder Law Liaison** - YLD elder law committee coordinating a number of projects.

YLD – doing Senior Resources Handbook, needs to be revised. They need a lot of cash to do it.

Stevie Casteel will work with advanced directives group project.

**Mark Williamson: Legislative Committee Chair** – Mark had 2 pieces of law and progress:

1. Life Insurance/insurable interest.
2. Proposed legislation which says that naming Testamentary Trust as beneficiary is okay is in the works.
3. Power of Attorney Statute - waiting on ABA initiative re: model rules to be completed, at which time the committee will probably draft proposed legislation for Georgia.
4. Issue of legislation which would allow Executors to make representations and warranties has been hotly discussed as to whether or not to propose change to law allowing such reps and warranties – no consensus was reached and the matter has been tabled for now.

Concern was expressed by Bill Linkous about whether the legislative committee watches legislation that others around the state unrelated to the fiduciary law section legislative committee might propose.

**Adam Gaslowitz: Treasurer** - \$45K in the treasury.

**Athens Institute Chair for 2006** - plans for 2006 seminar is coming together with most of the speakers lined up already.

**Basic Fiduciary Seminar Chair for 2002, 2003, 2004** - 2004 was extremely successful, held in December for the second year at GPTV and broadcast live to 20 locations around the state (and rebroadcast to the same locations the following week.) 300 people attended the two showings of the seminar.

**Gregg Fullerton: Liaison with Probate Judges.**

**South Georgia meeting in June about new Guardianship Code** – The judges are all feeling relatively positive about the changes. They have more concerns about security, particularly in light of the recent shootings in Fulton Superior Court. Some have apparently been threatened.

He suggested we get Judge Bill Self or some other legislative point person to coordinate with legislative committee.

**Bill Linkous:** Trust Code Revision Committee is rising from the ashes of the Guardianship Code Revision Committee.

He may have a bill ready for 2007 legislative. He currently has 11 members on his committee and feels he's at optimum number.

**Alan Rothchild:** Alan is chairing the fiduciary law institute in 2006 and encouraging ideas for topics for St. Simons.

**Richard Barnes:** Working on consumer publications being pamphletized. Working with Susan Bartle at the Bar. They have new living will and power of attorney for healthcare pamphlets. Goal is to have more on the web site and for lawyers to buy copies in bulk.

**Faryl Moss:**

One of her goals for her term as chair is to continue lawyer outreach to the public to change public perceptions.

She would also like to get the web site beefed up – she needs volunteers.

She also wants a tax task force committee if we get a new estate tax law. If not, there may be other changes we should be looking into as a section. She want to use web site to disseminate information.