



**THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND
CONCILIATION COURTS**

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2019 @ 12:00 Noon-Telephonic Meeting

Officers present: Christine Knudtson (President), Sally-Ann Danner (President-Elect), Josie Cusma (Past President), Lynn Galbraith-Wilson (Co-Treasurer), Nina Bartell (Secretary)

Officers excused: Thomas Walsh (Vice-President), Daniel Bestul (Co-Treasurer)

AGENDA:

1. Annual Members Meeting - October 4, 2019

a. Agenda: The noon meeting will include a short presentation regarding the AFCC-WI committee organization. More detailed information about the committees will be included in the information packet that the annual educational event attendees will receive. The committee chairs will be introduced and may say few words about their committees, if appropriate and time allows. Peter Salem will also

be asked to say a few words about the parent organization and the opportunities of Chapter members in a broader context, (Sally-Anne indicated that she will reach out to him for this request). Finally, the Nominating Committee will present the nominations for the upcoming vacant spots on the AFCC-WI Board of Directors. Officer nominations will occur immediately after the completion of the educational event (4:30 pm).

b. Financials: Lynn Galbraith-Wilson presented an overview of AFCC-WI financials. She and Co-Treasurer Dan Bestul are continuing to update and formulate their report for the Board and membership. Detailed information will be available prior to the year-end Board meeting for future budget considerations. The financial overview was very positive and there are no current concerns regarding AFCC-WI's ability to follow through with scheduled events and project initiatives.

2. Leadership Institute (Sally-Anne Danner): It is confirmed that Sally-Ann Danner will be attending the Leadership Institute in Pittsburgh. Our goal was to send an additional officer as allowed by the state chapters. That person will be Shelby Brandsma (Incoming President-Elect). As Shelby has offered to stay with relatives in the area, her attendance will only be a small, if any additional cost to AFCC-WI.

3. Annual Educational Event:

a. President Knudtson reiterated that the Executive Committee is committed to lead whatever assistance is needed to make this year's event a success. COW assistance and support is also available. As a reminder: **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Wisconsin Chapter**

Presents the 2019 Annual Education Event

"Untangling the Web: Family Court, Technology, and Today's Families".

By Julia F. Weber, JD, MSW

October 4, 2019, Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Road, Pewaukee, WI 53702

Dinner in honor of our Fall Conference Speakers at

Thunder Bay Grille, N14 W24130 Tower Place, Pewaukee, WI

October 3, 2019, Reservations at 6:30 pm, Cocktails at 6:00 pm

RSVP Sallyanne.danner@wisourts.gov by September 20, 2019

b. Update on Attendance and Numbers: Currently, there are 67 attendees registered and more are expected as Christine Knudtson offered to send reminder emails, particularly to Board members. Assurances were again made that even if we have a smaller event, our Chapter will remain financially secure, and if we have a larger than expected, last minute surge in attendance, we will also be suitably prepared with extra name tags, materials, etc. Our collective hope is for at least 100 registrants.

c. Coordination with Carlton Stansbury on Sponsorship Committee efforts:

According to Carlton and the Committee, OFW and Soberlink have committed \$600/each as sponsors. They will be afforded 10 minutes for presentation at some point during the lunch hour of the educational event. DFS and U of M have also committed \$500 and \$200 respectively for tables outside the hall. The financial details are being coordinated by Carlton, Christine, Dan, and Lynn. COW is also available for assistance as needed. Chris has requested that Carlton publically identify and thank the sponsors as part of the education event's opening remarks. The Sponsorship Committee is recognized by the Executive Committee as having made a superlative effort toward the success of our annual educational event.

4. Year End Board meeting:

- a. Wednesday, December 4, 2019, late afternoon TBA - **In person**
- b. Invite newly elected Board members for introductions and welcome
- c. In conjunction with the joint holiday party, the Membership Committee is planning to include AFCC-WI, CFLCW (Collaborative Family Law Council Of Wisconsin and LI SOFL (Leander J. Foley, Jr. Society of Family Lawyers.
- d. Financial arrangements are being worked out and the designated location is:
Café Bavaria, 7700 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

5. Next Executive Committee Meeting- November 20, 2019- Noon, Telephonic

6. Meeting Adjourned 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Bartell, AFCC-WI Secretary

