

KENTUCKY GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION
Minutes
December 7, 2016
McClelland and Associates
1795 Alysheba Way, Suite 2102, Lexington, Kentucky

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM, EDT.

Present: Robert McClelland, Adanne Bagby, Richard Dawahare, Danny Keeton, Linda Keeton, Mark Maddox, Kristen Pearson

Not Present: Betsy Browning

By Phone: Becky Smith, Melissa Mays, Eileen Walsh

Minutes of the November 1, 2016 meeting were read. Motion to accept made by Robert McClelland; 2nd Eileen Walsh, with the correction of minor typographical errors. Approved.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion to accept made by Eileen Walsh; 2nd Linda Keeton. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Training Video: Becky gave Annette Karem – a Disability Court Judge in Jefferson County- a copy of the KGA Training Video and requested feedback via email. She had heard nothing from Judge Karem as of this date. Becky also contacted Jessica Wayne by email regarding a meeting with Judge Freeley, but had not heard from Jessica. Judge Freeley is a Family Court Judge in Oldham County.

Judge David Bowles will be a disability judge in Jefferson. Melissa will give Judge Bowles a copy of the training video.

Conference: Discussed whether to keep the KGA annual conference in Frankfort. The pros are the excellent facility (Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History), central location, reasonable price, and good venue. The downside of the Frankfort location includes long travel distances for some, particularly those coming in from Western Kentucky and the early start. Those traveling from Western Kentucky are in the Central Time Zone.

The Board discussed holding the Conference in Bowling Green, Lexington, or Louisville and extending the conference to two (2) days rather than one. Adanne reports that the attendance was better when the Conference was two-days long.

Membership: Notice for payment of dues should be distributed to email addresses in January 2017. Members can use PayPal and the KGA website to pay dues.

Discussed, briefly, creating a welcome letter for new members. Becky suggested a combination of “welcome letter” and “coming attractions” announcements. Considered a different letter for renewing members.

Legal Research: Look for bills that will eliminate or make jury trials in disability cases optional as well as those pertaining to the Uniform Power of Attorney Act.

Website: KyGuardianship.org is up and running. The website allows anyone to read the posted Minutes of the Board Meetings, complete scholarship applications and learn about the KGA.

Reg White Scholarship: Interested individuals can use the KGA website to apply for the scholarship and submit the required essays.

The idea was set forth to open the scholarship to all public schools of Social Work across the Commonwealth rather than restricting the application process to two schools. Eileen made the motion to open the scholarship application process and to select two (2) applicants for the award; Robert seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

Pooled Trust: The pooled trust was discussed and the reviewed. Community Trust Bank will offer a presentation for the Board at the January meeting. Residual funds will be spent for state wards. Discussed joinder agreement; managing funds and making the process of requesting, approving, and providing money for a ward, or to a ward, while maintaining accountability simple and as seamless as possible. For instance, giving a gift card and requesting receipts for purchases made with that card.

Other Old Business:

Public Awareness: The deadline to submit presentations for the Optimal Aging Conference is December 16. Provide an opportunity for attendees to see the KGA Training video by having copies available along with a computer for viewing. Special rates are available for seniors.

ARC of Kentucky: The KGA presence at the various sites during 2016 resulted in KGA gaining two or three new members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Training Video: Put the Training Video on the KGA Website and U-tube.

Conference: Work on the 2017 KGA Conference will begin in January 2017. Members should check their calendars for available dates in September/October.

Membership: Kristen and Adanne will update the membership mailing list. Board members are to pay their membership dues at the first meeting of the year.

Other new business: Richard will obtain a list of appointed guardians from Fayette District/MH/disability court.

Work on funding for KGA members lodging expenses to attend ARC of Kentucky conferences.

Board members have been assigned the task of checking the website before the next meeting.

The KGA booth (used during ARC of Kentucky tour 2016) is available for other conferences, i.e., Autism Walk in Lexington. KGA is working on brochures.

With the Board's permission, Robert will write a letter to the Commissioner, DAIL regarding the pooled trust. KGA discussed opening a second pooled trust for small accounts (under \$25,000.00).

Move the monthly KGA Board meeting to the second Tuesday of each month to allow Jane time to provide updated reports for the Pooled Trust. Motion made by Robert; Eileen seconded; and Motion was approved by all present.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at McClelland and Associates, 5:15 PM EST.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 PM, EDT.