Canadian-American Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: 2016 Spring Meeting
Location: Alexandria, Virginia
Date: Saturday, April 23, 2016

Call to Order
The meeting of the Canadian-American Relations Committee was called to order by Ann Cornwell, AR, Chair, Canadian-American Relations Committee.

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Ann Cornwell (AR), Chair, Lee Cassis (WV), Vice-Chair, Butch Speer (LA), Corey Carnahan (KS), Yolanda Dixon (LA), Patsy Spaw (TX), Janice Gadd (UT), Denise Weeks (NC), Andrew Ketchings (MS), Michael Adams (VA), Ali Sagraves (OH), Susan Schar (VA), Joyce Wright (AL), Tim Sekerak (OR), Cynthia Johnston (OR), Brad Young (OH), Pat Harris (AL), Paul Campos (WA), Robert Haney (TX), Dave Avant (AL), Lori Brocker (OR), Clark Barnes (WV).

Other members/guests in attendance included: Deborah Deller, Clerk of the House (Ontario, Canada).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Denise Weeks, seconded by Pat Harris, the minutes of the last meeting held Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the ASLCS’s Professional Development Seminar in Raleigh, NC, were approved.

Old Business
Lee Cassis informed the committee that the Joint Canadian-American meeting was held in Columbus, OH, October 28 through November 1, 2015. He recognized and thanked Brad Young and Ali Sagraves (committee members gave them a round of applause) for their hard work, dedication, and commitment for hosting and making the meeting a success.

The committee was reminded that the 2017 Joint Canadian-American meeting would be hosted by Canada in Saskatchewan. The time and date will be announced at a later meeting.

Discussion then centered on the standing order that limits attendance to the joint meeting to each Principal and an Associate member designated by the Principal. The standing order was suspended by vote of the Executive Committee in Raleigh for the Columbus meeting. Upon a motion by Butch Speer, which was seconded by Denise Weeks, the committee approved asking the executive committee to repeal the standing order. (Later that day, Ann Cornwell, Chair, Canadian-American Relations Committee, appeared before the Executive Committee on behalf of the ASLCS Canadian-American Relations Committee, and requested the Executive Committee to repeal the standing order that limits attendance to the Joint Canadian-American meetings to only each Principal and an Associate member. After discussion, the Executive Committee approved the request.)
New Business
Deborah Deller announced that the Canadian Clerks’ meeting would be held August 1-5, 2016, in Toronto, Canada, and all members of ASLCS were welcomed to attend.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Tim Sekerak, seconded by Robert Haney, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Cassis (WV), Vice-Chair, Canadian-American Relations Committee