Canadian-American Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

2019 ASLCS Spring Business Meeting
Jackson, Wyoming
Saturday, April 27, 2019

Call to Order
The meeting of the Canadian-American Relations committee was called to order at 11:04 a.m., by President Pat Harris (Ala.), acting as Chair in the absence of Chair Paul Smith (N.H.).

Attendance
The following members of the committee were present: Pat Harris (Ala.), Joyce Wright (Ala.), Marshall Long (Ala.), Bill Horn (Ala.), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), Buddy Johnson (Ark.), Obie Rutledge (Ore.), Robert Haney (Texas), Lee Cassis (W.Va.), Alfred Speer (La.), Yolanda Dixon (La.), Ann Cornwell (Ark.), Brad Young (Ohio), and Ali Sagraves (Ohio).

Other members/guests in attendance included: Susan Kannarr (Kansas), Susan Furlong (Nevada), Janice Gadd (Utah), Bo Hoover (W.Va.), and Margaret O’Brien (Mich.).

Approval of Minutes
Upon a motion by Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), seconded by Yolanda Dixon (La.), the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday, September 27, 2018, at the Fall Professional Development Seminar in Madison, Wisconsin, were approved.

Old Business
President Harris reminded members that the biennial Joint Canadian-American Clerks Conference would take place September 3-7, after Labor Day, in Concord, New Hampshire. Alfred Speer (La.) informed the committee that Paul Smith (N.H.) was handling the social events, but the meeting agenda was not yet complete, as those working on the programming were still conferring with their Canadian counterparts. He did mention that chamber renovations is a probable topic, as is the ever-popular War of 1812. President Harris reminded the committee of the heavy competition for the traditional volleyball game between the Americans and our Canadian friends and encouraged able-bodied members to attend the meeting. He also encouraged members to attend, as it is a great opportunity to get to know and learn from our Canadian counterparts and vice versa.

President Harris also mentioned that he plans to represent the Society at the upcoming CATTs meeting in Ottawa, August 5-9, alongside the NCSL Summit happening the same week.

New Business
President Harris designated Brad Young (Ohio) as Vice Chair to fill the vacancy created by Vice Chair Jeff Finch (Va.), who recently retired. Brad Young proceeded to preside over the meeting.

Adjournment
Upon a motion by Joyce Wright (Ala.), seconded by Yolanda Dixon (La.), the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Sagraves (Ohio)