

GDLA 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
Amelia Island Plantation, Florida
June 11, 2011

The 2010-2011 President, Bubba Hughes, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. and the minutes from the last meeting were approved. Attached is a list of the Board of Directors and members present.

Lynn Roberson gave the Treasurer's report, covering the attached financial statement.

President Bubba Hughes ceremonially passed the gavel to incoming 2011-2012 President Mel Haas, who then honored Bubba for his year of service by presenting him with an engraved mint julep cup and President's gavel plaque.

The DRI report was given by Evelyn Fletcher Davis. She announced Immediate Past President Bubba Hughes' receipt of the DRI Exceptional Performance Award, recognizing his service to enhance the skills, effectiveness, and professionalism of defense lawyers. She also encouraged attendance at the DRI Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., October 26-30, 2011, which will feature speakers President Bill Clinton and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Bubba Hughes made his final remarks as President and offered thanks to Steve Kyle for his selfless services as our Meetings Chair and recognized this was his last effort before turning over the reins to Staten Biting. He also thanked Jennifer Davis for her work and expressed appreciation to the sponsors.

The nominating report was given by Past President Salty Forbes, who chaired the Nominating Committee. The membership approved the committee's report, thereby electing the following:

President: W. Melvin Haas, III, Constangy, Brooks & Smith, Macon
Executive Vice President: Lynn M. Roberson, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, Atlanta
Secretary-Treasurer: Ted Freeman, Freeman, Mathis & Gary, Atlanta
Immediate Past President: Edward M. "Bubba" Hughes, Callaway Braun Riddle & Hughes, Savannah

Vice Presidents:

Kirby G. Mason, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, Savannah; Hall F. McKinley, III, Drew, Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta; Matthew G. Moffett, Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta; and Peter D. Muller, Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson, Savannah.

Board of Directors, Northern District:

Christopher E. Parker (2012), Miller & Martin, Atlanta; Brian T. Moore (2013) Drew, Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta; James D. "Dart" Meadows (2014) Balch & Bingham, Atlanta.

Board of Directors, Middle District:

Robert R. Gunn, II (2012), Martin Snow, Macon; and David N. Nelson (2013), Chambless, Higdon, Richardson, Katz & Griggs, Macon; Craig C. Avery (2014), Cowsert & Avery, Athens.

Board of Directors, Southern District:

Jeffrey S. Ward (2012), Gilbert, Harrell, Sumerford & Martin, Brunswick; and James S.V. Weston (2013), Hull Barrett, Augusta; Sarah B. "Sally" Akins (2014), Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, Savannah.

Board of Directors, State at Large:
Evelyn Fletcher Davis, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, Atlanta; Troy Lance Greene,
McNatt, Greene & Peterson, Vidalia; Jo A. Jagor, Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, Atlanta.

New Meetings Chair Staten Bitting announced the future meetings schedule as follows:.

Board of Directors Fall Meeting

Grove Park Inn
Asheville, North Carolina
October 21-23, 2011

GDLA Annual Meeting

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club
Ponte Vedra, Florida
June 7-10, 2012

Steve Kyle encouraged attendance at the upcoming Skits & Suds, set for the next Thursday at Gordon Biersch. The CLE will feature Court of Appeals Chief Judge John Ellington and GSU Law School Professor Roy Sobelson.

The Board approved the following applicants for membership:

Bardack, Marc H.	Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP
Fenwick, Julia	Bryan Cave, LLP
LoRusso, Lawrence J.	LoRusso Law Firm, P.C.
McDonald, Allison	Tavis L. Knighten, P.C.
Siegel, David Arthur	Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, P.C.
Wallace, Russell Cotter	Wallace & Scott, L.L.P.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m.