



GEORGIA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Florida
June 10, 2012

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The 2011-2012 President, Mel Haas, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Attached is a list of the Board of Directors and members present.

Ted Freeman gave the Treasurer's report, covering the attached financial statement.

President Mel Haas ceremonially passed the gavel to incoming 2012-2013 President Lynn Roberson, who then honored Mel for his year of service by presenting him with an engraved mint julep cup and President's gavel plaque.

DRI State Rep Bubba Hughes introduced visiting DRI Southeast Regional Rep Bruce Barze; he presented Immediate Past President Mel Haas with the DRI Exceptional Performance Award, recognizing his service to enhance the skills, effectiveness, and professionalism of defense lawyers. He also encouraged attendance at the DRI Annual Meeting in New Orleans, October 24-28, 2012.

Mel Haas made his final remarks as President, noting it had been a robust year. He offered thanks to Staten Biting for successfully orchestrating his first Annual Meeting as the new GDLA Meetings Chair. 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: Lynn M. Roberson, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, Atlanta
Executive Vice President: Ted Freeman, Freeman, Mathis & Gary, Atlanta
Secretary-Treasurer: Kirby G. Mason, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn, Savannah
Immediate Past President: W. Melvin Haas, III, Constangy, Brooks & Smith, Macon

Vice Presidents:

Sarah B. "Sally" Akins (2014), Ellis, Painter, Ratterree & Adams, Savannah
Hall F. McKinley, III, Drew, Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta
Matthew G. Moffett, Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta
Peter D. Muller, Goodman, McGuffey, Lindsey & Johnson, Savannah.

Board of Directors, Northern District:

Brian T. Moore (2013) Drew, Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta
James D. "Dart" Meadows (2014) Balch & Bingham, Atlanta
Christopher E. Parker (2015), Miller & Martin, Atlanta

Board of Directors, Middle District:

David N. Nelson (2013), Chambless, Higdon, Richardson, Katz & Griggs, Macon
Craig C. Avery (2014), Cowsert & Avery, Athens
Robert R. Gunn, II (2015), Martin Snow, Macon

Board of Directors, Southern District:

James S.V. Weston (2013), Hull Barrett, Augusta
James W. Purcell (2014), Fulcher Hagler, Augusta
Jeffrey S. Ward (2015), Drew Eckl & Farnham, Brunswick

Board of Directors, State at Large:

Troy Lance Greene, McNatt, Greene & Peterson, Vidalia
Jo A. Jagor, Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover, Atlanta
Wayne S. Melnick, Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, Atlanta

Meetings Chair Staten Bitting encouraged attendance at the 2013 Annual Meeting, set for Father's Day weekend, June 13-16.

The Board approved the following applicants for membership:

1	Appelbaum, Eve *	Appelbaum & Associates, P.C.
2	Bristol, Steven P. *	Hall Booth Smith & Slover, P.C.
3	Dod, Kathleen S.	Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP
4	Ford, Elizabeth L. *	Chambless, Higdon, Richardson, Katz & Griggs, LLP
5	Foster, Richard C. *	Hicks, Casey & Foster, P.C.
6	Gabelman, Rebecca	Harper, Waldon & Craig
7	Gowder, Ashley	Vernis & Bowling of Atlanta, LLC
8	Graham, Stephen *	Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP
9	Hayasaka, Keith M.	Hall, Bloch, Garland & Meyer, LLP
10	Holcomb, Michael A. *	Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLC
11	Jagor, Mary Claire *	Vernis & Bowling of Atlanta, LLC
12	Kingsley, Daniel J. *	Dennis, Corry, Porter & Smith, LLP
13	Klee, Ryan *	Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP
14	Martin, Sean	Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan, PLLC
15	Matthews, Zach *	Hicks, Casey & Foster, P.C.

16	Ramsey, Matthew P.	Drew, Eckl & Farnham, LLP
17	Rowlen, Brantley C. *	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

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