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# GEORGIA DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The Breakers  
Palm Beach, Florida  
June 15, 2013

### Business Meeting Minutes

The 2012-2013 President, Lynn Roberson, called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Attached is a list of the Board of Directors, members and sponsors/guests present.

Lynn presented a proposed change to the Bylaws to open full membership to attorneys who practice within insurance captive firms, and to defense attorneys practicing with a governmental entity. The proposed Bylaws change was as follows with new language being double-underlined:

Article III: Membership. Section 3. Eligibility for Membership.

A. Active Membership. To be eligible (1) for election as an Active Member in this Association herein, a lawyer (a) must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia; (b) must be (i) in private practice and engaged in the ~~trial~~ defense of litigation, primarily for the defense, or (ii) employed by and representing a governmental agency or body and engaged in the ~~trial~~ defense of litigation, or (iii) employed by a firm owned or controlled by an insurer and engaged in the defense of litigation; and (c) must have manifested a genuine interest in or sympathy with, the purposes of this Association as expressed in Article II hereof.

Discussion ensued and a vote was taken. The Motion was defeated.

Secretary-Treasurer Kirby Mason gave the Treasurer's report, covering the attached financial statement.

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

**President:** Theodore Freeman

**Executive Vice President:**

Kirby G. Mason

**Secretary-Treasurer:**

Matthew G. Moffett

**Immediate Past President:**

Lynn M. Roberson

**Vice Presidents:**

Sarah B. "Sally" Akins

Craig C. Avery

Hall F. McKinley, III

Peter D. Muller

**Board of Directors, Northern District:**

James D. "Dart" Meadows (2014)

Christopher E. Parker (2015)

Brian T. Moore (2016)

**Board of Directors, Middle District:**

David N. Nelson (2014)

Robert R. "Rusty" Gunn, II (2015)

Jason C. Logan (2016)

**Board of Directors, Southern District**

James W. Purcell (2014)

Jeffrey S. Ward (2015)

James S.V. Weston (2016)

Jo A. Jagor  
George R. Hall  
Wayne S. Melnick

**State At Large:**

DRI State Rep Bubba Hughes presented Lynn Roberson with the DRI Exceptional Performance Award, recognizing her service to enhance the skills, effectiveness, and professionalism of defense lawyers. He also encouraged attendance at the 2013 DRI Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Lynn Roberson made her final remarks as President, noting that the newsletter had received a Best Newsletter Award from the State Bar of Georgia for the third consecutive year. She offered thanks to Ted Freeman for successfully orchestrating the program for the Annual Meeting. She also thanked Jennifer Davis for her work and expressed appreciation to the sponsors.

President Lynn Roberson ceremonially passed the gavel to incoming 2013-2014 President Ted Freeman, who then honored Lynn for her year of service by presenting her with a mint julep cup and President's gavel plaque.

The Board approved the following applicants for membership, as recommended by the Admissions Committee:

1. Arndt, Patrick N., Nall & Miller
2. Bruno, Richard, Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins
3. Carroll, Victoria M., Cozen O'Connor
4. Duva, Brian I. Mozley, Finlayson & Loggins
5. Eklund, Elizabeth M, Dennis, Corry, Porter & Smith
6. Gatling, Lindsay M., Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial
7. Hankins, James T., Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson
8. Lewis, Zachary S., Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young
9. Loomis, Kenan G., Cozen O'Connor
10. Norton, Lorna M., Balch & Bingham
11. Rajan, Anandhi, Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers
12. Stumpe, Michele L., Taylor English Duma
13. Tarver, Edward J. (Jr.), Weathington Smith
14. Wingler, Monica L., Hicks, Casey & Foster

Bob Barker's application was tabled until the Fall Meeting, pending further research by the Admissions Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.