

Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
2005 Annual Business Meeting Highlights

Ponte Vedra, FL

June 16, 2005

In attendance were approximately 60 members of the GDLA board and general membership.

Grant Smith called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

Warner Fox delivered the treasurer's report, reporting that the association was projecting an increase in cash on hand of approximately \$15,000 at the end of the fiscal year from the previous fiscal year, despite many new projects and events that occurred in 2004-2005.

New Officers and Directors

Salty Forbes presented a new slate of officers and directors for the association. The positions were as follows: State at Large: Luanne Clark, Hall McKinley, and Gary Seacrest. Southern District: Bubba Hughes until 2006, Jamie Weston until 2007, Kirby Mason until 2008. Middle District: David Nelson until 2007, Craig Avery until 2008. Northern District: Jo Jagor until 2006, Lynn Roberson until 2006, Ted Freeman until 2006. Vice President: N. Staten Bitting, Mel Hass, Jimmy Singer and Clay Ratterree; Secretary/ Treasurer: Bob Travis; Executive Vice President: Warner Fox (Program Chair 2006 meeting) President: Johnny Foster

Trial Academy Report

Tom Magill gave a brief update on the Trial Academy which will be held the first weekend in December at Calloway Gardens. It will offer approximately 20 hours of CLE credit and is aimed at young lawyers who have one to three years of practice. Firms are invited to look at their young lawyers and determine who they want to send to the program at an early a date as possible.

Future Meetings

Steve Kyle reported that the 2006 Annual Meeting will be held at the Southampton Fairmont Hotel in Bermuda from June 8 - 11. More information will be forwarded to the membership shortly regarding this. Steve was kind enough throughout the various meetings in Ponte Vedra to wear his Bermuda shorts and knee high socks as a marketing effort.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Executive Vice President Johnny Foster awarded President Grant Smith with a plaque in recognition of his excellent work on behalf of the GDLA this year. Additionally, Lynn Roberson awarded Grant a DRI award for the GDLA's work in 2004 and 2005. The association as a whole owes a large thank you to Grant for his work in past years and his excellent work as the President of the GDLA in 2004 and 2005.

The meeting was then adjourned.