



**Coastal Inn of Court
Board Meeting 4/19/22**

Board Member Attendance: Abby Saunders; Judge Hewitt; Melissa Frazier; Karolan Ohanesian; Dominic Starr; Mark Nappier; Pete Hearn; and Natasha Hanna.

I. Welcome by President Abby Saunders

II. Spring Gala

We will host our joint meeting at the Ocean Club on May 19, 2022 in honor of our Achieving Excellence Platinum designation. Michelle Runge from the National Inn of Court had hoped to present the Platinum award to our Inn during this time but is unable to do so due to travel restrictions. The event will be free for members and \$65.00 per guest to help defray costs. Big thanks to Natasha Hanna for arranging this event.

III. Secretary Nominee

Mark Nappier was nominated to serve as upcoming Secretary for the Coastal Inn of Court and will be presented to the membership for election at our upcoming meeting at the Ocean Club.

IV. Membership (47 Masters (16+); 10 Barristers (5-15); 7 Associates (less than 5 years of practice))

Discussed membership attendance and payment of dues requirements. Melissa Frazier will make another attempt to contact the nonpaying members to see if they wish to remain in the Inn.

Also discussed the need to recruit new Associate and Barrister members. Possible candidates include Matan Perets (current Pupil); Melanie Nicholson; Marissa VanCamp; Tiffany Buffkin; and Jamie Hills. Please notify Dominic Starr as Nominating Committee Chair with the names of any other prospects for consideration.

V. Law School Affiliations

Our current Pupil, Caroline Barker, will be a 3L at Charleston School of Law next year. We can also check with the University of South Carolina Law School for potential members from our area.

VI. Achieving Excellence - Platinum Designation

We are on track to maintain our Achieving Excellence Platinum designation. We have one more program to submit following our April 28, 2022 meeting and will meet the joint meeting requirement with our Ocean Club event.

VII. Membership Survey Results

The results of our Membership Satisfaction Survey were positive with close to 90% being very satisfied with the events and benefits provided by the Inn and 100% planning to renew their membership. Members most

appreciated the fellowship/collegiality with other lawyers as well the ability to obtain CLE credit. They enjoyed the speakers and panel discussions we have had in the past. Suggestions for improvement included Quarterly Pupillage group meetings requirements and more structured mentoring opportunities.

VIII. Mentoring

We will have the South Carolina Bar Mentoring Program Administrator speak at our April 28, 2022 meeting. Possible improvements to our current mentoring program may include Pupillage Group Leaders serving as a mentor to a member of their group.

IX. Miscellaneous

- a. **Community Outreach** – Everyone was happy with our current community outreach projects, those being the Alzheimer’s Walk and Special Olympics. Judge Hewitt will speak with Chris Kinon about becoming the Community Outreach chair.

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