

## AAML CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING 2018

Live meeting in Orlando  
May 4, 2018

Present:

Peter Gladstone  
Jonathan Root  
John Schutz  
Mark Sessums  
Elisha Roy  
Reuben Doupe  
Laura Davis Smith  
Joe Hunt  
Melinda Gamot  
Kristin Adamson  
Bonnie Sockel-Stone  
Dori Foster Morales  
Maurice Kutner  
Cynthia Greene  
Charles Fox Miller  
Tom Sasser  
Jorge Cestero  
David Manz  
Richard West  
Ashley Myers  
RT White  
Natalie Lemos  
David Hofstein (guest)  
Carmen Gillette  
Jim Knox  
Renee Goldenberg  
Caroline Sikorske  
Diane Holmes  
Sherri  
Micky Cummings  
Lawrence Datz  
Alan Rubenstein  
Jerome Novey  
Shannon Novey  
Karen Weintraub  
Bob Sidweber  
Gerry Kornreich  
Maria Gonzalaz  
Kim Nutter

Ken Gordon  
Susan Stafford

I. WELCOME – Peter Gladstone

Janan Pessa spoke as sponsor

David Hoffstein, President – guest from AAML Foundation

II. New Members – Jonathan Root

Trying to encourage people to get people through process, etc.

Please respond to the evaluations that you receive so the peer review info is available

Tom spoke about the need to respond so that our Chapter recommendations to be heeded

III. Treasurer's Report – Peter Gladstone (Mark Sessums could not be here)

Slightly misleading because of a timing issue as the Family Law Section has not received their share of the funds yet and all expenses have not been paid yet. We are in good financial shape.

IV. 2018 Institute – Elisha Roy

Elisha gave synopsis of how event will run and thanks to the speakers.

Susan reminded us to thank the sponsors

V. Webinars – Susan Stafford for Caryn Green

Shannon, Bonnie, Kim Nutter, JJ Dahl and Caryn did a great job. 3 webinar series. There will be a discount for Fellows.

VI. Legislation – Elisha Roy

David Manz – ED bill fix for Kaaa sailed through the legislature and it passed! Good job David. Fixed appreciation issues and coverture fraction

Bonnie Sockel-Stone – first thanked David on behalf of the Section. Underage marriage bill ban passed – Jorge brought it to our attention and helped in the passage of the bill

VII. Certification Review – Susan Stafford

Capped out at 1600. We will not add anymore people. \$500K gross profit. \$45K admin fee then 20% net to us of about \$90K and \$360K to section. Book price may be going up – Section considering. Will be at Gaylord Palms because our contract was yanked out from under us.

VIII. AAML Foundation – Jorge Cestero & David Hofsetin

PA lawyer and President of AAML Foundation David Hofstein. 28 years ago founded and gives grants to help kids and families. We've given out several million dollars, over \$100K in Florida. Florida has been generous individually and as a Chapter. He encourages to have people apply that have children related legal service type non-profits. 38 of 75 Fellows are Lifetime Foundation Members. David said the way they really get their money is the billable hour program, donate one billable hour. Teaches, represents or provides a service are the ones we are seeking to give grants to.

Jorge spoke about high percentage of lifetime fellows from Florida. Jorge thanked Peter and Natalie for giving funds to Foundation and Charitable Giving Committee (Stann, Melinda and \_\_\_\_\_) have been supportive as well and Jorge thanked them. Jorge is treasurer and future President of Foundation.

#### IX. Publicity Initiative – Natalie Lemos

Go on Facebook and like our Facebook website/page... take pics and post them to our page. #aamlinstitute2018. Don't just rely on our web peeps, as the more we put in the more the better.

Better branding was Natalie's mission as President and she is still working towards that.... Hired PR firm – revamped website. (see all we've done in attachment and will be doing)

#### X. Charitable Giving – Stann Givens

Fun committee – they give money away. \$6,000 to give away. 2K to golf tournament for foundation, \$500 Tally legal aid, \$2K unforsaken women, \$1K FSU, \$500 to Tally women lawyers Puerto Rican law student displacement peeps; \$1K to UF law student who got shot in Vegas. Hoping for same next year. Simple 1 page application on webpage.

#### XI. Future Calendar – Susan Stafford

See attachments

Charitable giving application is on members only website

Boston retreat in October

Italian restaurant for Chapter lunch in Chicago. Our Chapter meeting is at Lowes

#### XII. 2018 Retreat/Seminar – Jonathan Root

Boston – fine dining, duck tour, maybe a baseball game.

#### XIII. Election of new officers

Officers/Executive Committee: Jorge moves; Ken seconds. Any discussion. All favor. Passes unanimously.

Board of Managers: Ken moves/Jorge seconds. Passes unanimously.

#### XIV. New President – Jonathan Root – Vision for 2018-19

Thanked Richard for a great golf outing. Thanked Peter for doing a great job this year. Complimentary to the people around the room – the best of the best... the people who are pre-Canakaris. Vision of the Future is to bring in more people with maintaining the same ethics and standards. He wants us to approach 2 people and encourage them to join the AAML. He also thinks it is important to get the AAML name out there, following in Natalie's footsteps. Judiciary needs to know the prestige that goes with who we are. He wants professional meeting across the state with others, non family law lawyers and non forensic accountants, to get to know who we are and what we do.

Thanked the Bounds of Advocacy Committee for updating the Bounds. Maria Gonzalez, Melinda Gamot, Richard West, David Manz

#### XV. Closing Remarks – Peter Gladstone

Cocktail party at 5.

Peter between Vegas retreat and Chicago and Cert and now back again – quick year. Thanked all the people. Thanked the Executive Committee. Mark not here, thanked John Schutz, Natalie Lemos, Elisha Roy, Jonathan Root. Susan is amazing.