

**The Florida Bar
Young Lawyers Division
Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, December 5, 2008 – 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Marco Island – Marriott Beach Resort**

1. **Call to Order** – President Jewel White Cole at 9:16 AM.
2. **Roll Call** – Kim Gustafson, Secretary. The following members were not present: Stephanie Bolton, Hunter Carroll, Bill Chanfrau, Scott Chitoff, Kevin Cook, Nina Ferraro, Kerri Fowler, Greg Haile, Bill Henry, Felicia Jordan, Christina McKinnon, Laurel Moore, Clinton Payne, Chelsie Roberts, Kris Robinson, Heather Pinder Rodriguez, Elisha Roy, Al Sauline, Monica Segura, Christine Stenger, Rhonda Stroman, Lou Ursini, Mindi Wells and Doug Woodward.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation** – Carlo Zampogna introduced Craig Woodward, President of the oldest firm in Marco Island, who presided over the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.
4. **Consideration of Minutes of September 19, 2008 meeting** - President Jewel White Cole. A motion to approve the minutes was made, properly seconded and approved.
5. **Breakout Sessions/Committee Meetings** – First Round (9:25 AM – 10:00 AM):
PWP Committee
Government Affairs Committee
Law School Committee
6. **Breakout Sessions/Committee Meetings** – Second Round (10:00 A.M. – 10:55 A.M.)
AOC Committee
Budget Committee
Basic Skills Course Requirement (BSCR) Committee
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - (a) **Affiliate Outreach Conference Committee** – Cristina Alonso thanks committee members for their efforts and reviews schedule of events. Presidents’ Roundtable will have four tables: ABA/fundraising, diversity, pro bono and membership. The social agenda has been posted on website. Affiliates need to send in affiliate registration for social events. Affiliate registration includes attendee’s meals. The deadline for registering, submitting grant applications and affiliate awards is January 5th. Early grant submissions (those received by the end of this month) will receive extra points.
 - (b) **Annual Meeting Committee** – Renee Thompson reports that the Florida Bar annual committee has been preparing for the meeting. Jay White has picked a beach theme. YLD will have casino night again this year.

- (c) **Awards Committee** – Liz McCausland reports there were eleven nominees for the YL pro bono award. A discussion was had regarding nominees’ qualifications for award if they are compensated for pro bono work, or if they work for a legal aid service provider. It was determined those things do not disqualify nominees. The nominee applications were reviewed. A confidential vote was held and Carin Constantine from St. Petersburg was determined to be the winner.
- (d) **Budget Committee** – Cynthia Morales reports the budget for next year which will increase by 6%. Next year’s budget will also combine redundant line items. The committee discussed whether guidelines need to be established for when groups request funding from YLD. The committee decided not to adopt specific guidelines but rather to be governed by Article I of the Bylaws.
- (e) **Bylaws Committee** – Ed McCarthy reports there are three amendments that have been passed that will be considered by the Florida Bar Board of Governors next week.
- (f) **CLE Committee** – Belinda Lazzara reports half of the CLEs have been completed. Appellate and Real Estate CLEs received very good reviews. The Basic Skills Committee has been investigating whether to request the Supreme Court modify rule to allow some of basic skills course requirement to be satisfied by downloading rather than in person. The committee is leaning towards allowing for two web downloads and requiring one course be attended live. This will eliminate video replays entirely.
- (g) **Communications Committee** – Ward Griffin reports the website is being revised. The committee is also working on a master calendar to be posted on the website that would include all YLD events, YLD sponsored events, and will publicize affiliate events. Ward requests committee chairs supply information for the calendar.
- (h) **Diversity Committee** – President Jewel White Cole reports the Miami diversity picnic went well. The Tampa diversity picnic will be in February.
- (i) **Executive Committee** – President Jewel White Cole reports the committee has been addressing concerns with attendance at board meetings. Previously, only one unexcused absence was allowed per year or the board member was subject to removal. Years ago the attendance requirement was removed from the Bylaws. A review of attendance at five recent meetings showed a decline in attendance. In Miami there was barely a quorum (quorum requires 23 people). The executive committee is leaning against adding a removal requirement if a board member has poor attendance. The executive committee is referring the attendance issue to the bylaws committee to consider whether or not to add an attendance requirement to the Bylaws.
- (j) **Governmental Affairs Committee** – Chrissy Davis reports this year’s topic will be Court Funding. YLD has paired with the Big Board and will present a symposium on court funding at the Mid-Year Meeting on January 14th from 8AM - Noon. This will be webcast. There will be a panel discussion. There will also be a report from a DC firm that analyzed the decrease in court funding
- (k) **Law Practice Transition Committee** – No report.
- (l) **Law Related Education/Moot Court Committee** – Michael Orr reports he is meeting with Justice Quince regarding the moot court topic later this month.

- (m) **Law Schools Committee** – Sean Desmond reports the law school division is doing well. Stetson and UF are putting together an afternoon symposium and reception Thursday of the Mid-Year Meeting. Hope to expand this to other law schools in future years. The Law School Division will meet at AOC.
- (n) **Local Bar Affiliates Committee** – Renee Thompson reports there is a new affiliate -- South Miami Kendall Bar Association. The executive committee has approved \$500 start-up funding for this YL group. Congratulations to Victor for hosting Polk County event. There were 14 Holidays-in-January grant applications. The committee requests an additional \$2000 so that each application can receive a \$500 grant. The Board approves the request.
- (o) **Long Range Planning Committee** – President-elect RJ Haughey reports committee will meet in February at Sheraton at Sand Key.
- (p) **PWP Committee** – Adam Rabinowitz reports the committee will be having a telephone conference. The committee is evaluating changing the PWP agenda. It is also working towards having a uniform introductory statement given by Justice Quince for all PWPs.
- (q) **Quality of Life Committee** – No report.
- (r) **Pro Bono** - President Jewel White Cole reports the Bar recently gave a report in which it cited the YLD's pro bono work. Heather Pinder Rodriguez hosted a one hour seminar on transitioning children out of foster care. If anyone knows of similar programs with their local bars, please have them get in touch with YLD to do similar seminars. Heather is working up a new pro bono pamphlet in which she is going to use a lot of board member's photos. Heather recently gave a talk on the ethical obligations to do pro bono work. She has a power point that she can distribute. She is also planning on doing a one hour seminar at AOC. She is working to put together an article for the newsletter to advertise all of our pro bono work. The Bar real estate foreclosure hotline needs more volunteers. There are 500 volunteer attorneys and the hotline has received 1500 requests for assistance.

8. **Liaison Reports:**

- (a) Appellate Practice – No Report.
- (b) Business Law – No Report.
- (c) City County and Local Government Law – No Report.
- (d) Criminal Law – No Report.
- (e) Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law – No Report.
- (f) Equal Opportunity Law – No Report.
- (g) Family Law – No Report.
- (h) Government Law – No Report.
- (i) Labor and Employment Law – No Report.
- (j) Out of State Practitioners – No Report.
- (k) Real Property, Probate and Trust Law – No Report.
- (l) Tax Law – No Report.
- (m) Trial Lawyers – No Report.

9. **Program Administrator's Report** – Tom Miller – No Report.
10. **President's Report** – President Jewel White Cole reports six people have volunteered to be a delegate for ABA Mid Year Meeting in Boston in February. Florida has 12 spots if any other YLs wish to attend. President Cole reports about Georgia Young Lawyers meeting. The Southern Conference of Young Lawyers Bar Presidents will host its first meeting in Florida at AOC. The Breckenridge trip was discussed. Ed McCarthy's friend has an adventures outfitter which will be organizing events for those that don't ski.
11. **President Elect's Report** - RJ Haughey reports there is still time to make modifications to next year's budget. Requests committee chairs let him know if adjustments needed. The mentoring program will likely be discussed at the Bar Long Range Planning meeting. Reports regarding recent bar wide email. Pro bono service will be a committee next year. RJ is considering having the YLD replicate Hillsborough County's attorney ad litem programs for juvenile delinquent cases throughout the state. The meeting locations for 2009-2010 will be: Joint meeting at Naples Grand, Ponte Vedra, Tampa, AOC at Long Boat Key, New Orleans, and Ocean Reef Club.
12. **Good of the Order**
 - (a) Scott Chitoff's wife had a baby yesterday.
 - (b) Ed McCarty and Steve Ngo won Flag Football tournament.
 - (c) Mike Orr passes information regarding Jax YLD golf tournament. He commends Sean Desmond on running a great campaign.
 - (d) Kelly congratulates Chrissy Davis Graves on her marriage.
 - (e) Ghenete is still campaigning. The election is March 10th.
 - (f) Doug and his wife are expecting.
 - (g) Christina Alonoso appointed to lawyers committee with chief judges of Supreme Courts throughout the country.
 - (h) Liz McCausland was appointed to the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Board and a civic board.
 - (i) Carlo and his wife are expecting their second child.
 - (j) Belinda thanks everyone for their support in her judicial application.
13. **Time and Place of Next Meeting** – AOC Conference Hard Rock Orlando, January 23, 2009
14. **Adjournment** – At 12:55 P.M. a Motion to conclude the meeting was made, properly seconded, and approved.