

Twentieth Judicial Circuit Certified Civil Process Server Review Board

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 17, 2009

2:06 p.m.

1415 Dean Street., Ft. Myers, FL 33901

In attendance:

Board Members: Ernie Averill, Chair  
Robert Tardiff, Vice Chair  
Lynette Young, Secretary  
Lt. Lewis – Board Member  
Sgt. Chris Webb

Persons in attendance: Gary Heddleson  
Jay Holloway  
Sean Spoons  
Ally Spoons  
Gordon Despot

1. Quorum present.

2. Minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Mr. Tardiff, made a motion to accept the minutes for both the meetings, Lt. Lewis seconded that motion. Motion passed.

3. Agenda item – new cap of 125 – update to board – it has been approved and is in effect – We have had a controversy with this cap– people that got caught in between the old and the new policy – people that didn't know about cap may not have applied – discussion with Chief Judge Cary – board needs a recommendation for an exception for the persons that were in the august class – (we still don't know if we are going to have a wait list) to accept the apps from this august class – Mr. Despot asked to address the board – he is not speaking for the whole class – just himself – he felt he was side swiped – he had written a letter to the chief judge – asking for allowance to be allowed to apply without being put on the waiting list.. Mr. Tardiff would like it noted that he wanted a cap of 100, he intends to reduce the list. Mr. Spoons –who stated that he is registered in the 12th and 20<sup>th</sup> circuit, applies every year – there is no guarantee that you will obtain your certification each year. Mr. Averill states that this exception is for the 19 people in this August class and for anyone that took a class in St Pete with the sole intention of applying for certification in the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit.

Mr. Holloway – addressed the board regarding the next class – he just want to be able to have some sort of guarantee that he would be able to apply – Mr. Averill stated that he would be able to apply – but he would not have to pay the bond/application fee if there is a waiting list. This will not prohibit anyone from applying for this appointment.

Mr. Tardiff 's motion - move the Chief Judge to grant an exception to the 125 process server cap, but only for those individuals who started and/or enrolled in a process server course for the sole purpose of being appointed in the 20<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit before the amended AO was posted on August 4, 2009.

Ms. Young seconded - no discussion – motion carried.

Next issue – Mr. Heddleson has come to the board to ask about his certification from 2009. Mr. Heddleson had applied in 2008 for certification in 2009 – his file was missing the certification and his bond. He contacted Mr. Averill in late July wanting to get his active card. We are still missing his certification and his bond and we are already 8 months into the current year. He would like to be granted an exception to be able to apply –

Sgt. Web stated that he should have to wait and reapply in this next year –

Motion by Lt. Lewis - that Mr. Heddleson be not be granted appointment now and must go through the application process. Motion was seconded by Mr. Tartiff. Motion was approved.

Clarification of Citizenship issue –applicants must have a permanent visa and provide copies of such with their application.

Adjourned at 3:03pm