

**COMMISSION ON THE THOMAS J. MOYER OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER  
MINUTES**

**September 4, 2013  
Supreme Court of Ohio**

**Members Present:** Chad Readler (Chair); Mick Ball; Jakki Nance (telephone); Mary Gray; Neema Bell (telephone); Richard Simpson (telephone); Richard Wallace (via telephone); Marilyn Sheridan (telephone), Lane Beougher.

**Others Present:** D. Allan Asbury (Supreme Court), Mindi Wells (Supreme Court)

1. Mr. Readler called the meeting of the Commission to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting were approved with one correction of Reader to Readler.
3. Committee Reports

**Civic Education**

Rich Wallace updated the Commission. He indicated the committee would look to a future date for a committee meeting. A date will be set for a conference call.

Mick Ball inquired about the status of the project for the online-based off-site court. Allan Asbury indicated that personnel changes in Civic Education have stalled the project. Mr. Ball reiterated that funding could be dedicated to the project. Mr. Asbury indicated that Chris Davey is still willing to look to the Foundation for monies when the project goes out to bid.

Mr. Readler indicated that the next Forum on the Law is scheduled for November 5th. The topic is Myanmar / Burma. Mr. Readler indicated that the Foundation was asked to support the effort. Mr. Readler also referenced that the Ohio State Bar Association has a mission trip to Burma. He is hoping there is an opportunity for cross-promotion of the event.

Lane Beougher raised the issue of an article in the Ohio Lawyer magazine regarding the Foundation. He indicated his contact with the Ohio State Bar Association was no longer employed with the organization. The original intent of the article was about the art function of the Foundation and the possibility of attorneys donating art through their management of estates, the Foundation, and the building.

The proposed article will be discussed during the Civic Education conference call.

## **Architecture Committee**

Mr. Beougher referenced two planning meetings for the symposium that were held on July 10th and August 15th. Three tracks will be proposed for the symposium, including planning, sustainability and technology. Another track would be directed to judges and commissioners. There will also be a common funding discussion. Proposed speakers will include Bob Loversidge and Terry Sullivan.

The proposed date for the symposium is the 10th anniversary of the Ohio Judicial Center, May 15-16, 2014.

Mindi Wells discussed the possible site locations for the meetings due to the unknown number of participants.

Mr. Ball wondered if there was a registry or database of the county courthouses in Ohio. Ms. Wells indicated there is a book on Ohio courthouses.

A reference was made to the Ohio Courts Historical Society and the possibility of their having a role in the symposium on the digitization of records.

A discussion was held concerning the recognition of the 10th anniversary of the renovation/opening of the Ohio Judicial Center. Mr. Readler asked whether the Commission/Foundation should use the opportunity to recognize the 10th anniversary of the building. References were made to the possibility of an art tour in conjunction.

Ms. Wells wondered if a promotional “slick” could be created on the Foundation to be placed in the participants’ packets for the symposium or available year round in the various kiosks. Mr. Readler indicated that the idea of a promotional piece could be raised during the Civic Education committee.

Mr. Ball raised the question whether the Commission/Foundation should play a role in a 10th anniversary promotion. Mr. Readler wondered if the Court would be in favor and if the larger symposium could accommodate it. Ms. Wells indicated the planning committee for the symposium is thinking about some recognition of the 10th anniversary.

Mr. Readler asked the Civic Education committee to consider the 10th anniversary tie-in with the symposium.

## **Fine Art Committee**

Mary Gray announced that the Court accepted the donation of a sculpture from Joe Howard. A better location for the sculpture was being considered on the 11th floor.

Ms. Gray indicated that the Court was offered a piece from artist Pierre Bourguignon. The Court was given an email asking to approve acceptance of the piece. Mr. Asbury

noted the early indication was that the Court would accept the piece. The deadline for the Justices to respond is September 6, 2013.

On July 9th, a meeting of the committee was held and the receipt of the \$5,000 from the Court was considered. Artwork from deceased Cleveland artist O'Sickey has been considered for acquisition.

Two photographs from Tom Schiff have been donated to the Court.

The Southern Ohio Museum reacquired its loans from the Court. The reacquisition revealed some deficiencies in the overall loan process paperwork as indicated by Mr. Asbury.

Mr. Asbury inquired whether the committee and the Commission would have any opposition to the placement of art in the Court of Claims on the 3rd and 4th Floors.

Mr. Ball asked if there was a method to determine the number of people who arrive in the building to view only the art. Mr. Asbury indicated he would follow up with staff.

Marilyn Sheridan asked hypothetically if the Commission received artwork that it did not want – how the situation would be handled. Mr. Ball indicated that the master plan for art acquisition should be able to address it in combination with the expertise on the committee. Neema Bell referenced past discussions that provide a framework in the guidelines for the rejection of donations.

7. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Allan Asbury