

**FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

March 15, 2006
Embassy Suites
Seaside, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT: KEN CARABELLO, JOEL FAY, MARK GRABAU,
CARRIE GUSTAFSON, JANE LOVELLE, DAVID
M. POLAK, JO ROBINSON

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GENERAL MEMBERS: 4 GENERAL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm, by Joel Fay.

II. ANNUAL REPORTS:

a. President's Report

Joel reports that the association continues to do well and this year's conference is proceeding favorably.

b. Vice-President's Report

Mark reports that merchandise sales have been positive. There will be public policy information about upcoming legislation at the public policy table. A primary issue is 1370 commitments that are backlogged in the jails awaiting placement. There is also legislation pending regarding the monitoring of sex offenders.

c. Treasurer's Report

Carrie reports that the association is operating in the black. We have cut expenses significantly and have streamlined our operations.

d. Director of Education's Report

Jo reports that we were not able to offer CMEs this year. We anticipate becoming our own provider of CMEs next year. We have obtained continuing education credits for attorneys for this year's conference. The new Mental Health Court Tract has become the most popular tract for this year's conference.

The health committee reports that the response to their methamphetamine trainings has been overwhelming. The committee is receiving numerous requests for consultation in this area. The committee will be providing in-services on this topic. Jo suggested we consider requesting a stipend for health committee in-services.

f. Director of Conference's Report

Jane reports this year's conference is running smoothly and credits that to the help of the conference planning committee.

g. President-Elect's Report

Ken commented that this year's board has been very cohesive and acknowledged their hard work. Ken noted that we followed our bylaws by making appointments to the Secretary and Director of Conference vacancies last year.

The membership accepted the reports by acclimation.

IV. BOARD ELECTIONS:

The secretary conducted the elections for the 2005 Board of Directors. The candidates introduced themselves to the general membership. The rules of secret ballot were suspended by the general membership and a hand vote was taken.

The results of the voting were as follows: Jennifer Rossi was elected Secretary; Munir Sewani was elected Director of Conference; David Polak was elected Director of Education.

V. ISSUES FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

David M. Polak, LCSW
Secretary