




OBA'S BUILDING PUT TO GOOD USE

Skipper Davidson. The lunch was organized by volunteers from the local Fraternal Order of Police headed up by fellow Deputy Scott Dixon. Trina is undergoing chemotherapy for Histiocytosis X, a rare lung disease that mimics cancer. She is planning a trip to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota for more specialized treatment. All of the food for the barbeque was donated by Eugene Phillips, a bondsman and member of the OBA. The food included 200 pounds of ribs, 50 pounds of chicken, and assorted other meats. Phillips owns the Magic Rib catering services. The Davidsons have six children, including four who are adopted and one with special needs. According to OBA President Dudley Goolsby, the association was very pleased that it could participate in the effort to help this family. Any organization wishing to use the OBA building may do so by contacting any bondsman member or by contacting the association directly and talking with Executive Director Cathy Guyer.



Deputy Sheriff Skipper Davidson and Deputy Scott Dixon talk during the FOP sponsored fundraiser barbeque at the OBA building.

A barbeque lunch to benefit an Oklahoma County deputy sheriff's ailing wife was held in the OBA building in Oklahoma City on Thursday, December 15. The Association makes the building's meeting room available to other not-for-profit organizations and charities for meetings and fund raising activities. Donations made at the lunch on December 15 will go to help pay the medical expenses for Trina Davidson, wife of Deputy Sheriff

ABAT'S ANNUAL LUNCH A SUCCESS

Every year the Associated Bail Agents of Tulsa, known as ABAT, sponsor a Christmas lunch in the Tulsa County Courthouse that is open to all Tulsa County personnel. This year's lunch was held Wednesday, December 21.

Rusty Roberts, OBA Board member and President of ABAT, invited the state association to hold its December board meeting in conjunction with the Christmas lunch.

This marked the 9th year that ABAT has sponsored the courthouse lunch. According to Roberts the attendance is



Denny Wharton (left) ABAT and OBA Treasurer and Rusty Roberts (right) ABAT President and OBA Board member, welcome John Doak, the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner to the ABAT Christmas lunch in the Tulsa Courthouse.

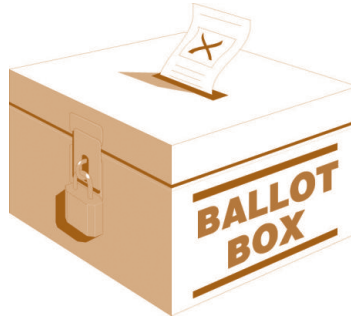
growing each year and now the county employees have started to look forward to the free lunch. This year they fed 450 courthouse employees.

Attendees included two state senators, almost all of the Tulsa County District Court judges, several county commissioners, and Oklahoma's Insurance Commissioner, John Doak. The County Clerk's office, Court Clerk's office, Sheriff's Department, Jail personnel, and District Attorney's office were well represented.

Roberts said that no one is turned away, even if they do not work for one of the invited offices. Some even brought their children to the affair.

2012 OBA OFFICER NOMINATION AND ELECTION RULE CHANGES

A set of changes to the OBA's Constitution regarding officer terms and election of officers was adopted by the membership during the annual membership meeting Monday, June 6, 2011, at the OBA headquarters building in Oklahoma City. Primary changes include changing the length of association offices from one to two years and staggering terms with the President and Secretary being elected in odd numbered years and the Vice President and Treasurer elected in even numbered years. Another major change, the elections will be moved from the annual membership meeting to the two educational programs offered each year by the OBA. This will give every OBA member a chance to participate in the election process. Ballots cast during the Oklahoma City program will be kept in the ballot box until the voting is completed during the Tulsa program. By changing the election to the educational programs it is necessary to change the nomination process. The OBA Constitution regarding officers now reads as follows: "Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected every other year as follows: the offices of President and Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the elections to be held in odd-numbered years; the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, with the elections to be conducted in even-numbered years." This provision means that during 2012, an even numbered year, the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer will be up for election. The Constitution goes on to state that "only members in good standing may be permitted to hold a position as an officer, which means that such member must: 1) be current on his or her Association dues; and 2) have been in good standing with the Oklahoma Insurance Department for a period of at least twelve (12) months, unless he or she is a new member." There are no term limits for OBA officers. The OBA's election rules specify that there shall be no proxy or absentee voting and that all voting shall be in person. Regarding nominations for office, the Constitution provides, "(i) incumbents in the positions of Officers and Directors shall be deemed to be candidates for their respective positions unless they expressly



request not to be retained. All other candidates for these positions shall be nominated on forms to be provided by the Association and distributed upon request to the members. Any nominations not on the correct form will not qualify for election. There shall be no nominations from the floor, nor any "write-in" candidates. All new nominations must be endorsed (on the nomination form) by at least three (3) members of the Association who are in good standing. The nominations must be provided to the Association no later than March 1 of the year in which that person is standing for election. ..." The Association will publish a list of candidates for any given year in the April issue of the OBA newsletter. Only members in good standing according to the records of the association will be allowed to vote for the election of Officers and Directors. Elections shall be by secret ballot, and ballots will be placed in one ballot box at the locations of the two annual education classes. The ballot box shall be sealed until the closing of the election at the location of the second annual education class. Members who are eligible to vote may cast only one vote per office for the Officers and one vote for the Director for their respective districts. The ballot box shall be opened and the votes counted at the close of the voting at the second educational program. The candidate receiving the most votes cast for each position shall be declared the winner, even if the number of votes for that candidate is less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes for that position. If two (2) or more candidates receive an equal number of votes, a runoff vote for that position will be held immediately following the second annual education class. Such runoff vote will be held and conducted as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The results of the voting shall be announced at the conclusion of the second session of the annual education class. Those persons elected shall assume their respective positions at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

The procedures for the location of the ballot box, the times at which voting will be allowed during the two educational classes, and any other measures deemed necessary for the conduct of the election shall be implemented by the Board of Directors.

2012 CONTINUING EDUCATION DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Monday, June 4	Annual Membership Meeting OBA Building/ OKC
Tuesday, June 5	CE#1 – Magnuson Hotel and Meridian Convention Center (formerly known as Clarion Meridian) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Tuesday, June 26	CE#2 – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Catoosa, Oklahoma

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RUNNING FOR OBA OFFICE OR DIRECTOR

In order to run for an office or directorship during the 2012 educational classes you must:

1. Be a current dues paid member of the OBA
2. In good standing with the Department of Insurance for at least 12 months.
3. Obtain an official nomination form by contacting the OBA office.
4. Be endorsed on the official form by three members of the OBA also in good standing.
5. File the completed nomination form with the OBA office no later than March 1st (so the nominations can be published in the association's newsletter before the two annual educational conferences).

NOTE: Nominations will only be accepted on the official form. No nominations will be allowed from "the floor" or by "write-in".

Additional information can be found in the elections article on page 2 of this issue of the newsletter.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS UP FOR NOMINATION & ELECTION IN 2012

According to the change in the OBA Constitution adopted in June, 2011, the following offices and directorships are up for nomination and election this year, 2012:

The offices of Vice President, currently held by Jerry Dowell, and Treasurer, held by Dennis Wharton, will stand for election during the two OBA Educational Classes in June.

Even numbered Director positions, including the At Large Director position, will also stand for election in June. The At Large position is classified as even numbered and is currently held by Rusty Roberts. The NE Region Director is number 2 and held by Bill Chenhall. Position 4, the SW Region, is held by Joe Bob Nelson.

The offices of President and Secretary, and the NW Region (#1) and SE Region (#3) directorships will be up for nomination and election in 2013.

PLAN AHEAD IF YOUR LICENSE RENEWAL IS MARCH - APRIL - OR MAY OF 2013

Because of changes in the bondsman licensing in 2011, if your license comes up for renewal in early 2013, you need to plan ahead in order to have enough continuing education (CE) hours to meet the state's new 16 hour every two years requirement. This is a one-time problem only for those bondsmen that must renew in March, April, or May of 2013.

At the request of the Department of Insurance the legislature changed the licensing requirements for bail bondsmen last year. Oklahoma statutes now specify that bondsmen will be licensed for two years and beginning in 2013 will need to renew their licensure during their birth month. The same law also changed the continuing education (CE) requirement to 16 hours every two years instead of 8 hours every year.

The first renewals under the new law requiring the 16 hours of CE will not occur until 2013. In order to assist its members needing the extra hours in early 2013, the OBA is in the process of planning a special continuing education program for late 2012 that will be open only to the members having to renew in the March, April, or May, 2013, period.

Current planning is for the extra program to be offered

only in Oklahoma City at the OBA headquarters building in late fall (October or November) of this year. By attending one of the regular June CE programs and the extra fall program, those bondsmen needing to renew in early 2013 will have accumulated the 16 hours of CE required for renewal.

Bondsmen needing renewal after May of 2013 can attend the CE class in June of 2012 and the one in June of 2013 to acquire the necessary 16 hours of educational credit.

Unfortunately, in order to get on a regular schedule of 16 hours of CE every two years, those having to attend the extra program will also have to attend the regular June CE program in 2013.

Oklahoma law requires the OBA to provide the necessary continuing education hours for licensure renewal. This is usually accomplished by providing two CE classes in June each year, one in Oklahoma City and the other in Tulsa. Because of a timing problem created by the new 2 year license and 16 CE hours requirement, it is necessary for the OBA to put on this one-time only extra program.

OBA members needing to attend this special program will be notified as to time and place as soon as final arraignments can be completed.





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OBA CALENDAR

Please mark your calendars NOW for the following upcoming events:

Thursday	January 19	10:00 a.m. OBA Board @ OBA
Tuesday	January 24	11:00 a.m. ABAT @Tulsa Library
Tuesday	February 14	10:30 a.m. OCBA @ OBA
Monday -Thursday	February 20-23	PBUS Annual Meeting/ Flamingo Hotel/Las Vegas
Tuesday	February 28	11:00 a.m. ABAT @Tulsa Library
Thursday	March 1	Nominations for elections DUE @ OBA
Thursday-Friday	March 1 & 2	PLE #1 at OBA
Tuesday	March 13	10:30 a.m. OCBA @ OBA
Thursday	March 22	10:00 a.m. OBA Board @ OBA
Tuesday	March 27	11:00 a.m. ABAT @Tulsa Library
Tuesday	April 10	10:30 a.m. OCBA @ OBA
Thursday	April 19	10:00 a.m. OBA Board @ OBA

Watch OBA website www.okbondsman.com for updates to be announced!

NEW BONDSMAN LICENSES

Tiffany Charles..... Cleveland County
 Linda Glass..... Grady County
 Cathey Godfrey-Ives Canadian County
 Francisco Villarruel, Jr Kay County

OBA DUES ARE DUE!!

Your OBA dues for 2012 are due NOW! Dues paid January 1, 2012 or later are not eligible for a discount. Dues NOT paid by March 31st shall result in suspension from membership and have no accident death & dismemberment coverage and no voting rights until dues are paid in full!

New Grandfathered Bondsmen

Renel White..... October 2011
 Earlene Judkins November 2011
 Sam Goad February 2012
 Holly Rosser..... May 2012

In Memoriam

Lecretia Evans (10/28/11)
Miguel Hamilton (12/26/11)
Susan Shiplet (12/31/11)