

**Minutes for the General Magistrate/Child Support Hearing Officer Committee**  
**Of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar**  
**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**  
**Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, FL**

**Members Present:** Co-Chair Maria Keebler, Norberto Katz, Barbara Beilly, Robert Jones, Harvey Baxter and Michael Robinson.

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Co-Chair Maria Keebler called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2008 meeting:** Motion by Barbara Beilly and seconded by Norberto Katz. Unanimously approved.
  
- III. **Old business:**
  - a. **Public records law:** Copy of Chapter 2008-41 bill distributed. Discussion took place on how to implement changes to delete Magistrate/Hearing Officer from public records. In 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Magistrate/HO going individually to agency to request change. In 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Circuits no procedures have been implemented. Committee recommends that each GM/HO seek assistance from Court Administrator and be individually responsible for requesting change. GM/HO Committee will prepare checklist and gather forms to implement.
  
  - b. **GM/HO information on bar web site:** GM Bob Jones reported GM/HO's will have link on Supreme Court web site.
  
  - c. **Training/Education:** GM Jones reported on court education committee. Other court personnel training committee recently completed education proposal application. Due to budget issues the training for June of 2008 was cancelled. The next possible training could be June, 2009.
  
  - d. **Mentoring:** GM Jones will be speaking with Judge Gary Flower on implementation in the future. A poll was made and Committee had no knowledge of any formal mentoring program anywhere in the state.
  
  - e. **Resign to Run:** OSCA has personnel regulation which will be distributed.
  
- IV. **Goals for 2008-2009:**
  - a. Training for new lawyers on effective use of General Magistrates and Hearing Officers.

- b. Traveling General Magistrate/Hearing Officer presentation to all circuits.
- c. Training for judiciary on effective use and limitation of General Magistrates/Hearing Officers.

**V. Open Discussion.**

**VI. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 by motion of Maria Keebler. Members were reminded that the next live meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008 at the Tampa Airport Marriott.