

## Department of Consumer Affairs

After lunch, Larry gave a detailed report regarding the June 13, 2008 meeting held by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Irving Botwinick was subpoenaed to attend. Also in attendance were Larry Yellon, Jillina Kwiatkowski, Bob Gulinello, Bill Mtlock among others. Both Larry and Jillina spoke at the hearing.

The concern is that we do not want all processors painted with a broad stroke created by those doing "sewer service."

The \$340.00 licensing fee (for a two year period) required to do service in New York's 5 boroughs is no indication of knowledge or training in the field of Process Serving.

The final report from DCA will be presented August 13, 2008. Larry indicated that we have to wait to hear the conclusions from the DCA. Larry also indicated that he thinks their decisions will have a favorable impact on NYSPPSA.

## Certification Class

The next Certification Class will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008 in Niagara Falls.

- The class will be a full day class and the cost will remain the same (\$175.00 for members).
- To audit the class the cost will be \$75.00. This charge is needed to cover the cost of food and room rental.
- Those auditing the class will not receive the printed material.
- Any officials from either the court or from the DCA will receive all the material at no charge.
- There is a requirement to collect 8 points during a two-year period to maintain one's certification. Attending conventions, board meetings, writing newsletters, etc can be used to accumulate points.
- Jillina expressed a concern that we maintain appropriate record keeping to monitor points.

## Additional Discussions:

1. Elliot is affixing a gold foil seal to all certificates. The Board does is not satisfied with impression being made by the corporate seal. Elliot will work with Larry regarding changes, which may include embossing directly onto the certificate, have a corporate seal made, or contracting to have foils made for us. It was suggested that we have samples made if we choose to use an outside vendor.
2. Sam Rivera, Marketing Chair indicated that advertising in the law journals is very expensive. Sam suggested that perhaps we might have links from the law journals to [www.nyspps.org](http://www.nyspps.org). There would be no cost for these links. Sam will pursue this course of action
3. Marge Kenney, Benefits Chair reported to Jillina that a "phenomenal medical package" will be available shortly.
4. Rob, indicated that as Technology Chair, he has eliminated the ability of process servers to enter that they are looking for work.
5. Marge, also reported that the next Newsletter will be available July 15<sup>th</sup>. However, many of the officers and directors have not as of yet submitted their newsletter. All newsletters should be submitted as soon as possible.
6. Dave Dalheim, Grievance Committee indicated that there are no pending grievances.
7. Bruce Kenney, Parliamentarian, is revamping the by-laws. These changes will be voted on at the General Meeting. If there are any changes that members would like to see implemented please call Bruce immediately.