



State Bar of Nevada – Construction Law Section January 19, 2017 Board Meeting

Minutes in Red

2017 Board:

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Eva Segerblom, Treasurer (esegerblom@msclawyers.com)
Alex Flangas, Secretary (aflangas@hollandhart.com)

I. Welcome (Renner)

Attendance by telephone conference call: Renner, Wadley, Flangas.

II. Treasurer's Report (Segerblom):

Decision was made to delay the treasurer's report until Eva Segerblom can attend the next meeting and provide the treasurer's report at that time, with updated information from the Nevada State Bar.

III. Approval of Minutes (Flangas):

12/16/16 minutes approved, and new minutes to be taken by Alex Flangas.

IV. Old/Tabled Business:

A. 2017 annual meeting proposal

1. *Justice Gibbons has agreed to take the place of Justice Hardesty who is not able to attend.*

2. *We need a third speaker to address the legislative update issue.*

For State Bar Convention: June 29-July 1, 2017: Discussion was had regarding having Mike Kimmel participate as the final speaker on the legislative update, but concerns were expressed that all the speakers were identified as being contractors-side counsel and, if possible, Eva had previously expressed concerns that the Section should consider putting someone in who was associated as owner's side counsel as a speaker. Mike has agreed to participate, so if the Section cannot identify anyone more neutral or "owners'-side" oriented to participate as a speaker for the legislative update as the third speaker, we will contact Mike and confirm.

Update: January 24, 2017: Eva Segerblom confirmed via email to the Section Board that she will attend and present the legislative update along with Paul Matteoni.

Survey

As the survey was significantly Eva's involvement, decision was made to table discussion and action on the survey until Eva could participate in the next Board meeting. Some discussion was had regarding benefits of the survey, and good input received on several points as a result of the survey.

B. *Amicus Brief Committee*

Discussion was had regarding how the Amicus issue was handled, and whether the Board felt that the notification given to Section members was the proper method of addressing the “request” from the Supreme Court for any potential Amicus briefing on issues involving construction law issues. Generally, the Board agreed that as a result of our divergent membership, it would not be appropriate for the Board to adopt a “Section-wide” position on most issues. It could be considered based on individual cases and issues, but it is unlikely to be something the Section would authorize as a “sanctioned” action with Section approval – but would continue to notify the membership of notifications when they arise.

C. *Section Social*

Some discussion about renewing the social, possibly in a new form with invitation of folks outside the legal industry but prominent in the construction industry (heads of State Departments, the Governor, prominent builders, etc.), perhaps setting a date between the end of legislative session and the fall. Possible coordination of a CLE with the social, and some discussion of consolidating a CLE based on ethics and specifically substance abuse as a potential draw for the event. Flangas agreed to try to contact Tom Hall regarding possible speaker for CLE and report back to Section.

D. *Prominent missing members/Section Growth*

Some discussion was had regarding contacting Section members who were previously involved and who may have dropped from the Section, or contacting prominent construction law attorneys to find out why they are not members of the Section at this time. Need to obtain list from State Bar of complete Section membership to identify the names of Section members to confirm those who are currently members; Carolyn agreed to reach out to State Bar, and Eva was previously attempting to do the same, to obtain the list, and then pass that along for each Board member to review and make list of attorneys whom each could contact to ask why they were not part of current Construction Law Section.

V. *New Business*

A. *Robert Horne, new Programs & Services Manager for the State Bar*

B. *NV Lawyer submission request for September issue*

Board members agreed to consider topics and report back with potential topics for circulation of requests for publication of September issue – rather than simply requesting “any topic.” Discuss was had that perhaps better response would be obtained if several recommended topics were circulated and Section members were solicited to write something on any one of several identified topics. At next meeting, if members could bring in identified topics, the Board could discuss and possibly circulate to membership several possible topics and solicit for authors of articles on those topics that the Board believes may be of interest to the membership. Michael Wadley suggested one topic: How to improve your chances of obtaining federal funding for construction projects by increasing your awareness of federal designations and classifications that would qualify for preferential bidding or preferential award consideration.

C. *Legislative Updates*

Leon Mead, Paul Matteoni, Mike Kimmel are going to be doing Legislative updates again, together with Eva Segerblom this Session, likely on Wednesdays at noon as was done last time.

Update: the first Legislative call was conducted on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at noon. The next call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at noon – they are skipping a week because there will not likely be anything to report until then.

D. Gift for outgoing Chair

Wadley took Casey Quinn to lunch and presented him with the \$100 gift card as the outgoing president of the Construction Law Section, which is in keeping with past practice of presenting past presidents with outgoing gift.

E. Section goals for 2017

1. State Bar Convention – participate – Legislative update.
2. Legislative update on a weekly basis during the session.
3. Article for the NV Lawyer, probably September issue.
4. Alcohol/substance abuse seminar, usually April or May – possible “social” combination.
5. Meet the Judge’s mixer – Table at the event in Las Vegas.
6. One more CLE in Oct./Nov. time frame, if possible. To be decided upon.
7. Potentially resurrect the Section Social – or coordinate with a CLE, possibly in a new form which was discussed as possibly inviting members of construction industry, heads of departments associated with Construction (or important people, Judges, Governor, etc.) to drive attendance and to encourage younger lawyers to meet some of the folks they will want to know in their profession.

F. Additional items

VI. Next Board Meeting – February 23, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.