



**Minutes  
Board of Governors Meeting  
May 22, 2014  
Reno, NV**

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened at 10:35 am on May 22, 2014.

**The following members were in attendance:**

Alan Lefebvre, President  
Elana Turner Graham, President-Elect  
Larry Digesti, Vice President  
Paola Armeni  
Elizabeth Brickfield  
Julie Cavanaugh-Bill  
Eric Dobberstein  
Richard Dreitzer  
Daniel Hamilton  
Gene Leverty  
Ann Morgan  
Ryan Russell

**Guests:**

Jordan Davis  
Katherine Provost

**State Bar staff present:**

Kimberly Farmer  
Gale Skala  
David Clark  
Lisa Dreitzer  
Marc Mersol

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Alan Lefebvre called the meeting to order at 10:35 am with a quorum present.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Alan Lefebvre reported on the ABA Day in Washington.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Kimberly Farmer gave a synopsis of the location for the 2015 annual convention and of the proposed contract with the Motif Hotel in Seattle. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the contract with the Motif Hotel in Seattle for the 2015 Annual Convention site.

Ms. Farmer provided an overview of the CLE schedule for the 2014 Annual Convention in Newport Beach as well as various social events planned.

Ms. Farmer reported on the progress of 3100 W. Charleston build out. She also discussed the sale price of the 600 E. Charleston and provided feedback from our broker. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to list 600 E. Charleston property for \$1.9 million.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Supreme Court Order Supplemental Briefing, Medical Marijuana

Mr. Lefebvre reviewed the Supreme Court Order Adopting Comment to the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct regarding medical marijuana and the subsequent Order for a Supplemental Briefing regarding medical marijuana. Mr. Lefebvre requested that the Board ask the Court for an extension of time to file a supplemental petition on amendments to the Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 regarding medical marijuana. It was moved, seconded and carried to request an extension of time and create a taskforce of Julie Cavanaugh-Bill and Paul Matteoni to work with Bar Counsel on the supplemental petition. The Board suggested inviting a member of the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee to be on the taskforce.

Richard Dreitzer abstained from voting.

## **REPORTS**

### Discipline Taskforce Report

Larry Digesti provided a synopsis on the recent meetings of the Discipline Taskforce and the meeting with the Washoe County District Court Judges.

### Appointments for Disciplinary Board Panels

It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint the following officers to the Northern and Southern Disciplinary Panel.

Douglas Rands	Chair, Northern Nevada Disciplinary Panel, beginning July 1, 2014
Jeffrey Albregts	Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel, ending August 31, 2014
Jeffrey Posin	Vice Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel, beginning May 23, 2014

It was moved, seconded and carried to reappointment the following attorneys to the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board for a three year term beginning June 22, 2014.

Peter Angulo  
Hector Carbajal, II  
James Christensen  
J. Rusty Graf

Lary Lamoreux  
Michael Mersch

It was moved, seconded and carried to reappoint the following attorneys to the Northern Disciplinary Board for a three year term beginning June 22, 2014.

Michael Pintar  
John Schlegelmilch  
Matthew Sharp

It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint the following attorneys to the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board for a three year term beginning May 23, 2014.

Tamer Botros  
Greg Carlson  
Kevin Hejmanowski  
Robert O'Brien

Elizabeth Brickfield abstained from voting.

#### Personal Injury Specialization

Gene Leverty provided a status update on the process of developing a Personal Injury Specialization. When the final draft of guidelines is complete, Mr. Leverty will circulate the guidelines for additional feedback.

#### Young Lawyers Report

Jordan Davis reported on the recent activities of the Young Lawyers Section (YLS). The YLS is in the process of finalizing the Trial Academy at the 2014 Annual Convention. YLS requested approval of additional funding to subsidize travel for the ABA representative of Young Lawyers to attend the ABA midyear and annual events.

It was moved, seconded and carried increase the YLS budget by \$2,000 to subsidize the necessary travel of the ABA representative of the Young Lawyers.

Gene Leverty and Larry Digesti abstained from voting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Financial Report

Marc Mersol provided a detailed report of the financials ending April 30, 2014. Mr. Mersol reviewed the budget lines for the 3100 W. Charleston building.

#### Renewal Family Law Specialization

The Family Law Section requested renewal as a certifying organization for Family Law Specialists. Katherine Provost provided an Executive Summary regarding this request. Ms. Provost highlighted the changes that have been put into place regarding the exam and the requirements of being a Family Law Specialist.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Family Law Section for a five year term as the certifying organization for Family Law Specialists.

#### Formation of New Section, Entertainment Law

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the formation of an Entertainment Law Section and the following slate of officers. The annual dues to join the section are \$30.

Chair: Anat Leve  
Vice Chair: Matthew Pruitt  
Secretary: Joanna Myers  
Treasurer: Erin Lewis

#### Conflict of Interest Policy

Richard Dreitzer outlined revisions to the conflict of interest policy. The Board provided feedback and suggestions to the policy. Ann Morgan volunteered to work with Richard Dreitzer as he continues to revise the policy.

#### Nevada Bar Foundation MOU

Kim Farmer provided a synopsis of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nevada Bar Foundation and the State Bar of Nevada in preparation for the transfer of the IOLTA program to the Nevada Bar Foundation. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding contingent on Supreme Court approval of the Nevada Bar Foundation as the entity to manage the IOLTA program.

Gene Leverty and Elana Graham abstained from voting.

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The Board entered into public discussion with members of the State Bar of Nevada at 2:00 pm and concluded the public discussion at 2:40 pm.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:45 pm and concluded the Executive Session at 4:45 pm.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### Approved Minutes of April 2014

##### Approved - ADKT –Limited Practice in Rural Counties

The ADKT amending SCR 49.9 would give rural county public defenders the same access to the benefits of this rule and help to serve the needs of our rural population.

##### Approved Business Owners Policy

#### **CONTRACT**

##### Approved - UNLV Facility –July Bar Exam

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

Approved appointment to a one-year term:

Name	Regional Chair	Effective Date
Mike Pavlakis	Carson City	May 2014

Approved - reappointment to a three-year term:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Panel</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Veronica M. Barisich	LVC	May 2014
Kathleen Breckenridge	Reno	May 2014
Alan Buttell	LVA	May 2014
<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Panel</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Blaine Cartlidge	Reno	May 2014
Michael Langton	Reno	May 2014
Miriam Roberts	LVC	May 2014
Daniel Royal	LVA	May 2014
Betty Ruark	LVC	May 2014
Charles Tucker	LVB	May 2014

Approved - appointment for a three-year term:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Regional Panel</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Dianne Drinkwater	Reno	May 2014
Akke Levin	LVA	May 2014
William Wright	LVB	May 2014

#### Lawyer Advertising

Approved – appointment of Adam Hosmer-Henner for a two year term beginning June 2014.

#### LRE Appointments

Approved – Judge Elissa Cadish as a member and Chairperson of the LRE Committee.

#### Section Appointments

Approved – the following slate of officers to a three year term beginning May 2014 for the Business Law Section.

Chair and Secretary: Robert Kim

Vice Chair: Albert Kovacs

Treasurer: Richard Barrier

#### Board of Bar Examiners

Approved – reappointment of Dawn Ellerbrock for a three year term to the Board of Bar Examiners.

#### Character & Fitness

Approved – reappointments of Lori Story, Dr. Gregory Brown and Dr. Michael Levy for a three year term to the Character and Fitness Committee beginning October 2014.

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

Approved – resignation of Joseph Long

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.