

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on January 25, 2006, at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City, Nevada.

The following members were in attendance:

Vincent A. Consul	...	President
Rew R. Goodenow	...	President-Elect
Nancy L. Alif	...	Vice President
Ann Price McCarthy	...	Immediate Past President
Constance L. Akridge		
Bruce T. Beesley		
James Bradshaw		
Kathleen J. England		
Cam Ferenbach		
Francis Flaherty		
Dara J. Goldsmith		
Gregory J. Kamer		
Bradley L. Kenny		
Richard Morgan		
Bridget Robb Peck		
William C. Turner		
Robert W. Witek		

STATE BAR STAFF PRESENT:

Allen W. Kimbrough

Rob Bare

Christopher T. Boadt

Patrice Eichman

Marc Mersol

Gale Skala

GUESTS PRESENT:

Adrienne Yeung

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:55 a.m. and a quorum was declared. Mr. Consul welcomed the Board to the meeting and reviewed the schedule for the day.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

The Board agreed that the following items should be removed from the list of Consent Items: 3 and 4. The remainder of the Consent Items were accepted or approved unanimously, as follows:

2. Minutes of December 8, 2005 Meeting

5. Appointments to Disciplinary Boards

Bernard Zadrowski was reappointed as Vice Chair of the Southern Board through February 1, 2007

Jeffrey Albregts, Larry Lamoreux, and Alan Sachs were redesignated as primary attorney members of the Southern Board.

Dan Reaser and Kelly Keiper were reappointed to the Northern Board to terms ending March 14, 2009.

Thomas Stockard was redesignated as a primary attorney member of the Northern Board.

Jill Greiner and Jacob Hafter were appointed to the Northern Board for terms ending January 2009.

6. Appointments to Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

- Reappointments for terms ending January 2009:

Kimberly Feldman	Las Vegas Panel A
David D. Loreman	Rural Panel
James J. Rankl	Carson City Panel

7. Report of Director of Admissions

8. Report of Director of Bar Services

9. Report of Midyear Meeting Committee

3. REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Mr. Mersol responded to questions regarding the treatment of the

Michel settlement in our financial records and with Mr. Boadt (following his arrival later in the meeting) answered inquiries regarding pending reimbursements from the Supreme Court in connection with the settlement judges program.

Thereafter, the Report was accepted unanimously.

4. CONSIDER APOINTEMENTS TO SUPREME COURT TASK FORCE ON COURT SECURITY

One of the original Board appointees to the Task Force, Terry Rankin, having resigned, the Board considered how to replace Ms. Rankin. There were no pending applications for this position, and it was determined that the appointment of a new member would be delegated to the Officers Committee and that additional advertising would be done.

5. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

Ms. Peck excused herself from the meeting as she will be an applicant for the judicial vacancy in the Second Judicial District.

The Board appointed Thomas Stockard of Fallon to fill the unexpired term of Arthur Mallory as a permanent member of the Commission to October 8, 2007.

The Board appointed Michael E. Langton of Reno as the temporary member from the Second Judicial District.

The Board appointed Christopher Laurent as the temporary member from the Eighth Judicial District.

There being no applicants for the temporary position from the Third Judicial District, the Board agreed to further advertise and to solicit candidates to apply.

6. CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO NEVADA LAWYER

The Board appointed the following persons to three year terms as members of the Editorial Board of *Nevada Lawyer*:

Kathrine Berning	Reno
Andrew M. Dixon	Las Vegas
Suzanne Dolembro	Las Vegas
Mark Hinueber	Las Vegas
Brent Ryman	Reno

The Board also engaged in a general discussion about the magazine.

7. CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO CLIENTS' SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE

The Board reappointed Kari Oakes to the Committee for a term ending January 2009.

Later in the meeting, the Board took up the issue of providing additional general revenues to the Fund for the payment of 2005 claims. A motion to reconsider the Board's denial of such funding at its December 9, 2005 meeting passed unanimously.

Following extensive discussion by the Board, a motion to provide such additional funding failed by a vote of 3-11.

8. CONSIDER VACANCY ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Supreme Court Bryan K. Scott of Las Vegas to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Buchanan.

9. REPORT OF BAR COUNSEL

Bar Counsel Rob Bare discussed with the Board the need for additional members of the Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board and requested the Board's assistance in recruiting qualified persons to serve.

The Board questioned whether the current term limits for members of the disciplinary boards were appropriate and appointed a task force (Kamer, Chair, Flaherty, Goldsmith) to review this situation and report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Later in the meeting, the Board returned to the Report and were advised by Mr. Bare that the Supreme Court had scheduled a public hearing on the disciplinary procedural rules for February 21, 2006. He and Mr. Turner reported on the work of the Study Committee on Lawyer Advertising and the upcoming Professionalism Summit co-sponsored with the Clark County Bar.

In Executive Session, the Board discussed pending and threatened litigation matter with Bar Counsel and the Executive Director

10. CONSIDER ENDORSEMENTS OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES BY STATE BAR LEADERSHIP

The Board continued its discussion on this matter begun at the December 9, 2005 meeting. The Board noted that while there is no written policy, Presidents of the State Bar have generally refrained from making endorsements while in office. Various approaches to the crafting of a policy were considered before the matter was tabled with two dissenting votes. Ms. England and Dean Morgan were asked to work on possible language for a future policy.

11. REPORT OF YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

Adrienne Yeung, Chair of the Young Lawyers Section, appeared and shared with the Board the recent and planned activities of the Section.

The Board then considered the Section's 2006 Budget, which would require a \$14,000 infusion in general revenues in order to balance. Concerns were expressed regarding the large amount of travel expense associated with participation in programs sponsored by the American Bar Association and the State Bar. A motion to approve the Budget as submitted with any deficit to be made up from LRIS Restricted Funds failed by a vote of 2-10. A motion to approve the budget with certain modifications in the travel line items failed by a vote of 5-8. An amended and restated motion to provide a total of \$12,500 for ABA or State Bar travel passed by a vote of 12-1.

Ms. Yeung expressed to the Board that the Section was looking at opportunities to increase its non-dues revenues.

12. CONSIDER REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO LAS VEGAS OFFICE

Following a discussion of whether wallpaper or painting would be the more appropriate medium for renovating the Las Vegas office, the Board voted unanimously to approve the painting bid of Golden West Painting.

13. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kimbrough responded to questions in supplementation of his written report. In particular he voiced his concerns (shared by the President) regarding he recent consultation for the Clients' Security Fund program by members of the American Bar Association.

14. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Mr. Goodenow deferred his report to the next meeting of the Board.

15. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Consul advised the Board that complaints had been raised regarding the fee dispute arbitration process and whether or not it should be mandatory. He advised the Board that this matter would be placed on the March 15 agenda for discussion and that the Chair of the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee would be invited to attend.

He also discussed plans for the 2006 Annual Meeting and fundraising efforts with respect to same, noting that his firm would be making a major gift.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Consul

President

Allen W. Kimbrough

Executive Director