



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Reno, NV
April 13, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on April 13, 2016.

The following members were in attendance:

Larry Digesti, President
Bryan Scott, President Elect
Gene Leverty, Vice President
Elana Turner Graham, Immediate Past President
Paola Armeni
Kimberly Buchanan
Julie Cavanaugh Bill
Eric Dobberstein
Richard Dreitzer
Troy Isaacson
Paul Matteoni
Ann Morgan
Richard Pocker
Ryan Russell
Kari Stephens
Rick Trachok
Ryan Works

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer
Gale Skala
Lisa Dreitzer
Marc Mersol
Shelley Young
Stan Hunteerton

Guests:

Rew Goodenow
Alicia Ashcroft

APRIL 13, 2016 CALL TO ORDER

President Larry Digesti called the meeting to order with quorum present at 9:15 am.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Larry Digesti reported on the recent Western States Bar conference. He highlighted the importance of sharing information among the other state bars.

DISCUSSION

Unified Bar Exam

Rick Trachok, Chair of the Board of Bar Examiners provided the history and current status of the Unified Bar Exam (UBE). Mr. Trachok reported that 13 states have adopted the Uniform Bar Exam and is coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The test is uniformly administered, graded, and scored by user jurisdictions and results are able to be transferred to other UBE jurisdictions. The Board of Bar Examiners (BBX) recently met with the Nevada Supreme Court. One of the topics of discussion was the UBE. Mr. Trachok believes that neither the BBX nor the Court are in favor of adopting the UBE at this point in time.

Mr. Trachok also discussed whether the Nevada should grant reciprocity with other states. Mr. Trachok provide a potential scenario outlining requirements an attorney would need in order to be granted reciprocity in Nevada.

- Must have practiced at least 5 years in another state.
- Must be in good standing.
- Must have a score of 140 or higher on the MBE.

Nevada would negotiate with other states to grant attorneys reciprocity. Mr. Trachok thinks the main benefit would be to attorneys who want to practice outside of Nevada.

After discussing the pros and cons, it was agreed to continue the discussion regarding reciprocity at a later date after research and report on what impact other state bars have had with reciprocity programs was done.

Board of Governor Term Limits

Kimberly Farmer reviewed SCR 81 regarding Board of Governors term limits. The Executive Committee requested the subject be discussed by Board members to determine if a rule change is in order to extend terms of Board members who want to serve as officers. If a rule change is recommended, an ADKT would need to be submitted to the Court. After discussing the different options, the Board directed Larry Digesti, Bryan Scott and Kimberly Farmer to discuss the issue of Board term limits with Chief Justice Parraguirre to receive the Court's feedback on this issue.

Sections

Kimberly Farmer reviewed a matters regarding state bar sections including:

- Section contributions to a political campaigns
- Administrative fees to sections
- Section carryover policies

A taskforce was formed to review section policies and issues. Members of the taskforce are Paul Matteoni, Kari Stephens, Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, Ryan Works and Kimberly Buchanan. The taskforce will also include some section chairs.

ACTION ITEMS

Personal Injury Specialization Board Appointment

Kimberly Farmer reported on the application process for the Personal Injury Specialization Board Appointment. It was moved, seconded and carried to reappoint Jay Kenyon to the Personal Injury Specialization Board for a two year term ending April 2018.

Proposed Changes to Fee Dispute Bylaws

Lisa Dreitzer presented the proposed changes to the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee (FDAC) Bylaws. Paul Matteoni, member of the taskforce that reviewed the bylaws, gave a synopsis on the taskforce discussion regarding the proposed changes.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Bylaw change that would set a cap for consideration of the FDAC of \$50,000 for the amount in dispute.

Upon discussion of Section B(2): *Binding arbitration for attorneys subject to three or more disputes in two years*, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the additional proposed changes without Section B(2).

Financial Report through February 28, 2016

Marc Mersol reported on the financials of the State Bar of Nevada through February 28, 2016. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the budget report.

Investment Committee Report

Marc Mersol reviewed the Investment Committee report. The Committee recommends that the Board of Governors utilize the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARs) program through the Bank of Nevada to manage the State Bar of Nevada's investments. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation of the Investment Committee.

Audit Committee Report

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation of the Audit Committee to retain Barnard Vogler for a fourth year audit of the State Bar of Nevada.

Lawyer Referral & Information Service Grants

Kimberly Farmer reviewed the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) grants that the LRIS committee approved. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following LRIS grants.

Organization	Project/Program	Amount Granted
Northeastern Nevada CASA	Recruit, train, appoint and monitor volunteers	\$5,000
SNSLP	Secure an HR professional to coordinate with SNSLP to update HR policies & procedures, job classifications and employee handbook.	\$9,000
Project REAL	The Inside Story (formerly known as Now You're 18 Survival Guide) printing costs	\$5,000
NDALC	Disability Rights Workshops	\$2,000
LACSN	Printing of 160,000 Legal Aid brochures Design for 12 new brochures Printing of 300 revised CAP Manual	\$13,334

VARN	Website upgrade project Web design email collection upgrade Email marketing firm Newsletter design consultant	\$1,000
RMIC	Program on the correction and prevention of innocent people wrongfully convicted in Nevada	\$7,725

Mock Trial Committee Rules of Procedure

Kimberly Farmer gave a synopsis on the proposed Rules of Procedure for the Mock Trial Committee. The Committee has operated as an informal subcommittee of the bar's Law Related Education Committee. The Rules of Procedure will establish the Committee's authority, composition and term limits. It was moved, seconded and carried upon making suggested revisions to approve the proposed Rules of Procedure for the Mock Trial Committee.

New Section Application-Marijuana Law Section

Alicia Ashcraft reviewed the petition presented to the Board of Governors for the formation of the Marijuana Law Section. Ms. Ashcraft believes the formation of the section will make attorneys better practitioners in a new, emerging field of law. Ms. Ashcraft emphasized that guidance from attorneys to the entrepreneurs in this industry is essential. After discussion the Board took no action.

ABA Day in Washington

Kimberly Farmer reviewed the issues that will be discussed during ABA Day in Washington DC. Listed below are the issues that the Board is asked to approve.

- Funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).
- Criminal Justice: Federal Sentencing Reform and Reauthorization of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A).
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the lobbying of LSC, JJDP A and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:30 pm and concluded at 3:45 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved: Minutes of January 2016

APPROVED ATTORNEY RESIGNATIONS

Kelley A. Alexander
Gregory S. Como
James H. Davenport
Justin C. Denham
David R. Ford
Mitchell E. Grodman
Karen E. Heggie
Gary A. Hengstler

Stacy L. Luedtke
Colleen F. McMullen
James M.O. Miller
Rachelle J. Nicolle
Rocky N. Unruh
Bryan W. Wagner
Amanda Willis
Eric Willis

CONTRACTS APPROVED

- LaJolla Beach & Tennis (April 2017; September 2017)

- July 2016 Bar Exam – UNR/UNLV
- All Covered
- Cox Communications

APPOINTMENTS

Section Appointments- Approved

Elder Law – Cary Colt Payne; Secretary/Treasurer; one year term

Solo & Small Practice – Jenny Hubach; Secretary/Treasurer; term ending October 2016

LRIS Committee Appointments- Approved Reappointments

Lance Hendron, Russell Christian, and Melissa Ingleby for a three year ending June 2019

Fee Dispute Arbitration – Approved

Reappointment to a one-year term:

Name	Regional Chair	Effective Date
Ara Shirinian	LVC	April 2016

Reappointment to a three-year term:

Name	Regional Panel	Effective Date
Michael Bohn	LVB	April 2016
Thomas Coyle	Rural	April 2016
Eric Dobberstein	LVB	April 2016
Elizabeth High	Reno	April 2016
James Howard	LVA	April 2016
Ryan MacDonald	LVA	April 2016
Patrick McKnight	LVB	April 2016
Royi Moas	LVC	April 2016
Brian Pezzillo	LVA	April 2016
Bruce Schupp	LVA	April 2016
David Stanton	Rural	April 2016
Kelly Swanson	LVB	April 2016
Michael Van	LVB	April 2016
Justin Watkins	LVB	April 2016

Three-year appointment to the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

Name	Regional Panel	Effective Date
Jill Greiner	Reno	April 2016
Kathryn Newman	LVC	April 2016
Sadiq Patankar (layperson)	Reno	April 2016

Advertising Advisory Committee - Approved

Reappoint the following members to the Committee:

Chet Glover Two-year term, effective July 2016.

Farhan Naqvi Two-year term, effective July 2016.

Reappoint the following members to the Committee:

James I. Barnes (Chair) One-year term, effective June 2016.
Adam Hosmer-Henner Two-year term, effective July 2016.
Bryce Rader Two-year term, effective April 2016.

CLE Appointments- Approved

Appointed for three-year term appointment.

Name	Effective Date
Ken D’Alessandro	June 2016
Melanie Muldowney	June 2016
Heidi Stern	June 2016

Reappointment of Chair and Vice Chair for a one-year term:

Name	Effective Date	Position
Andrew Mierins	June 2016	Chair
Melanie Muldowney	June 2016	Vice Chair

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.