

Minutes – Board of Governors Meeting September 9- 10, 2019 Elko, Nevada

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on September 9-10, 2019.

# The following members were in attendance:

Paul Matteoni, President
Eric Dobberstein, President-Elect
Ann Morgan, Vice President
Richard Pocker, Immediate Past President
Jeff Albregts
Paola Armeni
Julie Cavanaugh Bill
Doug Clark
Terry Coffing
Andrew Craner
Richard Dreitzer
Jessica Goodey
Kari Stephens

# **State Bar staff present:**

Kimberly Farmer Lisa Dreitzer Dan Hooge Gale Skala Manny Botello

Joel Locke

# **SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Paul Matteoni called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 9:00 am.

# PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMAKS

Mr. Matteoni gave an overview of the different meetings he attended since the last meeting on behalf of the Board. Mr. Matteoni welcomed the newest Board member Joel Locke and welcomed Kari Stephens back to the Board.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

<u>Approved</u>: Minutes of June 2019 Kari Stephens abstained

Approved: Attorney Resignation

**Christopher Curtis** 

Approved: Nevada High School Mock Trial Rules amendments

#### Approved:

ADR Section - one-year term ending July 2021: Chair: Margaret Crowley

Vice Chair: Lydia Nussbaum Secretary: Audrey Beeson Treasurer: Stephen Smith

## Appellate Litigation Section - one-year term ending September 2021:

Chair: Adam Hosmer-Henne Vice Chair: Steve Silva Secretary: Chelsea Laino Treasurer: Jordan Smith

#### Insurance and Health Law Section - one-year term ending June 2020:

Secretary: Cara T. Laursen

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility - one-year term ending September 2020:

Vice Chair: Melissa Brown

## FINANCIAL REPORT/ INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Marc Mersol presented a summary of the July 31, 2019 financial report. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the July 31, 2019 financial report. Mr. Mersol also presented the Investment Committee report highlighting an overview to the of state bar investments. The Investment Committee moved to, continue managing state bar investments through Northern Trust Securities. Motion carried.

#### RECIPROCITY TASKFORCE REPORT

Ann Morgan discussed the recent meeting of the Reciprocity Taskforce noting that the taskforce will not make a recommendation to make any changes on the licensing requirements at this time and recommends disbanding the taskforce. Additionally, the taskforce recommended that the conversation on reciprocity should continue through presentations at local bar meeting. The Board accepted the recommendation of the taskforce.

# STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board entered a strategic planning session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:30 pm and concluded at 3:15 pm.

## **SEPTERMBER 10, 2019**

## **DISCUSSION**

#### ADKT – CLE Exemption

Paul Matteoni discussed prior Board action that was held regarding submission of an ADKT to remove the CLE exemption for Nevada attorneys over the age of 70 and asked the Board to consider submission of the ADKT to the Supreme Court.It was moved, seconded, and carried to submit an ADKT to the Supreme Court seeking an amendment to remove the CLE exemption for attorneys over the age of 70.

## REPORT

Dan Hooge presented the report and statistics covering matters in the Office of Bar Counsel (OBC).

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Paralegal Division Bylaws Revisions

The Board discussed the Paralegal Division request to affiliate with the National Association of Legal Assistants. The Board sought further information regarding this affiliation. Therefore, it was moved, seconded and carried to table this matter until the December 2019 Board meeting

#### Cannabis Law Section

It was moved, seconded and carried to add a Cannabis Law Section of State Bar of Nevada. Paola Armeni and Terry Coffing abstained.

## <u>Identillect Technologies Program Agreement</u>

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve addition of a new member benefit through Indentillect Technologies and approve the agreement between Identillect Technologies and State Bar of Nevada.

# **Appointments**

Temporary Member of the Commission on Judicial Selection

Approved: Kathleen Breckenridge

## Fee Dispute Committee

Approved: Three-year term commencing September 2019

Justin Alper
David Doto
Brian Morris
David Sanders
Debra Spinelli
David Stahl
Richard Vaughan
Carl Weller

State Chair: Margo Chernysheva (Richard Dreitzer and Ann Morgan abstained from voting)

LVA Regional Chair: Stephanie Zinna Regional Chair Reno: Kathleen Breckenridge Regional Chair Carson City: Jennifer Mahe

## Clients' Security Fund Committee

Approved: Three-year term commencing July 1, 2019 John Naylor

**Christopher Cannon** 

# **Moral Character and Fitness**

Approved: Three-year term commencing September 2019

John Bailey

#### **Board of Bar Examiners**

Approved: Three-year term commencing September 2019

Dean Gould Jacey Prupas Eileen O'Grady

## **Board of Indigent Defense Services**

Approved: Three-year term commencing September 2019

Robert Telles Julie Cavanaugh Bill

# Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice

Approved: Two-year term commencing November 2019

Paola Armeni

Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education

Approved: Two-year term commencing December 2019

Andrew Mierins Frank Flaherty

## Board of Personal Injury Specialization

It was moved, seconded and carried to table the appointments.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

## October 7, 2019 Email Vote

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Justin Zarcone, Benjamin Cloward and Jay Kenyon to the Board of

Personal Injury Specialization for a Two-year term commencing September 2019.

# October 16, 2019 Email Vote

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve a 6 month lease extension at the same lease rate with Quest Diagnostics, Inc.,