



**Minutes – Board of Governors Meeting  
June 26, 2019  
Vail, Colorado**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on June 26, 2019

**The following members were in attendance:**

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

**State Bar staff present:**

Kimberly Farmer  
Lisa Dreitzer  
Dan Hooge  
Gale Skala

**Guest:**

Larry Digesti  
Hon. Bruce Beesley  
Rew Goodenow  
Rick Trachok via teleconference

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Rick Pocker presented a synopsis of the recent Swearing-in Ceremony for new admittees. He also presented a review of the Jackrabbit Conference in Butte, Montana at the end of June.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved: Minutes of April 2019

Approved: Attorney Resignation  
Ellen Tipping

Approved:

Gaming Law Section - one-year term ending May 2022:

Vice Chair: P. Gregory Giordano

Executive Committee: Jaime K. Black

Executive Committee: Maren Parry

Executive Committee: Jennifer Roberts

Young Lawyers Section - one-year term ending July 2020:

Chair: Karl Riley

Vice Chair: Peter Handy

Approved:

Fee Suspension/ Admin Suspended List

Approved Contracts:

- Audit Engagement Letter
- Hartford Insurance
- Clio Renewal
- Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans

## **DISCUSSION**

Bar Exam Survey

Rick Trachok presented a review of pros and cons of conducting the July Bar Exam only in Las Vegas. The Board of Bar Examiners is not taking a position on this issue. Mr. Trachok also discussed the concept of a study designed to survey attorneys who have been admitted to practice in Nevada within the past 5 years who will complete the survey and then volunteer to have their peers and/or supervisors evaluate their skills which are believed to be critical to the practice of law.

Discipline Report/Structure

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

The Board discussed the discipline structure and alternatives. After discussion President Pocker and President-elect Matteoni determined that a taskforce should be appointed charged with review of the discipline panel structure and alternatives. Board members appointed include, chair- Terry Coffing, Jessica Goodey Paola Armeni, Cathy Mazzeo, Julie Cavanaugh-Bill and Doug Clark.

Reciprocity Taskforce

Ann Morgan reviewed the status of ADKT 0538 amending Limited Practice Certifications.

Ms. Morgan reminded the BOG of one of the identified goals of the 2018-2020 Board of Governors Strategic Plan is to advance a position on reciprocity. Next on the list of key measurables is to encourage discussion and feedback from Nevada attorneys about reciprocity. A survey regarding reciprocity was sent to Nevada attorneys with active, active exempt and inactive status. The reciprocity taskforce will review the survey results then determine next steps.

### Cannabis Law Section

After discussing the request to form a Cannabis Law Section the Board supported through an action motion submission of necessary steps necessary to form a new section, which will be reviewed by the Board upon submission

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Financial Report

Mr. Marc Mersol presented the 2019 revised budget. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the 2019 revised budget.

#### Member Benefit with Member Central

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Member Central-National Webinar Series as a new member benefit. The final agreement to be brought to the Executive Committee for approval.

#### Member Benefit

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Member Benefits as a new member benefit that primarily focuses on insurance options for members. The final agreement with Member Benefits will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval.

#### We the People Transition

Kim Farmer presented an overview of the new funding sources the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement (NVCCE) received through a Bill signed by the Governor in the current Legislative session. The funding source is available on July 1, 2019 and will be used to fund the We the People Program. As a result, the State Bar will turn over management of the We the People Program to the NVCEE on July 1, 2019. The State Bar's sole involvement is in-kind support related using State Bar communications for judge recruitment and providing space at our facilities for meetings, trainings etc.

It was moved, seconded and carried to transfer the We the People Program to the NVCEE on July 1, 2019.

#### Proposal Entertainment Law Publication

The Publications Committee and Entertainment Law Section sought approval to work with the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) to publish *Entertainment Law in Nevada* which will become a companion piece to *Siegel on Entertainment Law* written for the NYSBA.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the partnership with the NYSBA.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 1:35 pm and concluded at 3:00 pm.

#### **Appointments**

##### Lawyer Representative Ninth Circuit

Approved:

Southern Division of Lawyer Representative – Travis Barrack, Amanda Perach and Richard Tanasi

Northern Division of Lawyer Representative – Lauren Gorman

##### ABA House of Delegates

Approved: Two year-term commencing August 2019

Tracy DiFillippo

##### Nevada Lawyer Editorial Board

Approved: Three-year term commencing July 1, 2019

Kiah Beverly-Graham

Anna Karabachev

##### Fee Dispute Committee

Approved: Three-year term commencing July 2019

Angela Guingcangco

James Howard

Dan Laird  
Kathryn Newman  
Eric Pepperman  
Douglas Ritchie  
Justin Watkins

Approved: One-year term commencing July 1, 2019  
Chair, Royi Moas

Transition Into Practice Committee

Approved: Two-year term commencing July 1, 2019  
Rachel Donn and Steve Shulman

TIP Mentors

Approved: Two-year term commencing July 1, 2019  
Buffy Okuma, David Fischer, Erik Fox, Heidi Ojeda, Joel Barber, Keith Galliher, Nicholas Wooldridge, Puneet Garg and Robert Cardenas

Approved TIP Reappointments:

Amanda Brookhyser	Albert Mitchell
Roger Cram	Maria Nutile
Matthew Dushoff	Carrie Parker
Robert Flummerfelt	Wayne Pederson
Jennifer Fornetti	Ronald Reynolds
Thomas Friedman	Jeffrey Rogan
Greg Gilbert	Lawrence Ruiz
Mark Henness	Charles Spann
Mark Krueger	Chad Thompson
Kristine Kuzemka	Kendelee Works
Donald Lomoljo	Heather Zana
Michael McKelleb	

Lawyer Advertising Committee (note: In a July 2, 2019 vote the Board rescinded the action below and made new appointments)

Approved: Approved two-year term commencing July 1, 2019

North

James Barnes, III – also reappointed to the Chair of the Committee  
Danielle Christenson  
Elizabeth Bittner

South

Joseph Riccio  
Maria Veronica Saldino  
Nicholas Shook

Clients' Security Fund Committee

Approved: Three-year term commencing July 1, 2019 (Gene Leverty abstained from voting)

Brigid Higgins- also appointed to the Chair of the Committee  
Reed Warner- also appointed as Vice Chair of the Committee  
Courtney Leverty  
Dana Dwiggin  
Douglas Moser

Gene Leverty abstained from voting.

Nevada Bar Foundation

Approved: Two year term commencing June 30, 2019 (Julie Cavanaugh-Bill and Andrew Craner abstained from voting)  
Connie Akridge

Ann Bersi  
Mark Brandenburg  
Kelley Jones  
Andrew Mierins

Mock Trial Committee

Approved: Two-year term commencing July 1, 2019

Erica Roth

Neal Falk

John Shook

Approved: One-year term commencing July 1, 2019

Andrew Chu, Chair

It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Don Christensen as Ex Officio for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2019.

Continuing Legal Education Committee

Approved: Three-year term commencing June 1, 2019

Arun Gupta

Carlene Helbert

Jeffrey Luszeck

Matthew Zobrist

Approved: One-year term commencing June 1, 2019

Chair, Jack Burden

Vice-Chair, Lauren Calvert

Discipline Board

Approved:

*Southern Discipline Panel*-three-year term commencing July 31, 2019

Annette Bradley

F. Thomas Edwards

Matthew Fox

Adam Garth

Angela Guingcangco

Franklin Katschke

Grace Ossowski

Gary Pulliam

Luke Puschnig

Michael Rawlins

Africa Sanchez

Jen Sarafina

Harvey Weatherford

Approved: one-year term commencing July 31, 2019

Chair, Ken Hogan

Vice-Chair, Russ Marsh

Approved:

*Northern Discipline Panel*-three-year term commencing July 31, 2019

Stephen Boucher

Deveron Feher

Scott Hoffman

Nicholas Pereos

Richard Williamson

Approved: One-year term commencing July 31, 2019

Chair, Caren Jenkins

Vice-Chair, Bruce Hahn

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following slate of officers to the Board of Governors commencing June 27, 2019.

President: Paul Matteoni  
President-Elect: Eric Dobberstein  
Vice President: Ann Morgan

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

**July 2, 2019 Email Vote**

It was moved seconded and approved to amend the action of the Board of Governors at its June 26, 2019 meeting regarding the appointments of members of the Advertising Advisory Committee by rescinding the appointments made by the Board of Governors to the Advertising Advisory Committee during the June 26, 2019 Meeting and re-opening the nomination and voting process to fill the six open positions on this Committee via an e-mail vote of the members of the Board of Governors.

It was moved seconded and approved to appoint the following to the Advertising Advisory Committee:

James Barnes, III – also reappointed as Chair of the Committee  
Danielle Christenson  
Joseph Riccio  
Maria Veronica Saldino  
Nicholas Shook

**August 1, 2019 Email Vote**

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Russell March to the Nevada Sentencing Commission for a two-year term commencing August 2, 2019.