Minutes – Board of Governors Meeting
February 20 - 21, 2020
Carson City, Nevada

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on February 20 and 21, 2020.

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
Jessica Goodey
Gene Leverty
Kari Stephens
Joel Locke
Catherine Mazzeo

State Bar staff present:
Manny Botello
Lisa Dreitzer
Kimberly Farmer
Dan Hooge
Marc Mersol

Guests:
Lynda Traves

Via Teleconference
John Delikanakis
Justice Michael Douglas
Nikaia Jackson-Hale
Bryan Scott
Aeriel Williams

Via Telephone
CluAynne Corwin
Carl Morrison
Jeanette Lacker
CALL TO ORDER
President Paul Matteoni called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:30 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA
The following Consent Agenda Items were approved:

Minutes from December 4, 2019 meeting
Attorney Resignations
Section Appointments

Construction Law Section - term ending December 2020:
Chair: Alex Flangas
Vice Chair: Bret Gunson
Secretary: Mary Bacon
Treasurer: Jeff Spencer

Entertainment Law Section- term ending January 2021:
Chair: Harrison Reynolds
Vice Chair: Steven Pacitti
Secretary: Russell Christian
Treasurer: Mathew Pruitt

Young Lawyers Section - term ending July 2020:
Chair: Karl Riley
Vice Chair: Peter Handy
Secretary: Joe Meservey

Advertising Annual Report

Contracts:
La Jolla Agreement
CCS Presentation Systems
Xerillian
Precision

The Nevada Lawyer Advertising Policy was removed from the consent agenda for discussion. After discussion by the Board the motion to amend the Nevada Lawyer Advertising Policy failed.

REPORTS

Discipline Report
Dan Hooge presented the report and statistics covering matters in the Office of Bar Counsel.

Discipline Taskforce Report
Terry Coffing discussed the goals and objectives of the taskforce. He recapped the taskforce meetings specifically covering a discussion on permanent disbarment and review of reports covering alternative discipline structures.

Paralegal Division Report
Lynda Traves, CluAynne Corwin, Carl Morrison and Jeannette Lacker provided the Board with an overview of their attempts to revitalize the Division. Ms. Traves discussed the Division request to become an affiliate member of the National Association of Legal Administrators and addressed the Board’s concerns regarding the Division’s request. After much discussion it was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Paralegal Division’s affiliate membership with the National Association of Legal Administrators.
FEBRUARY 21, 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT
Marc Mersol presented a summary of the State Bar’s Financial Report for December 31, 2019. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the December 31, 2019 financial report.

ACTION ITEMS
LawClerk Member Benefits Proposal
It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the LawClerk Member Benefits Proposal.

Release of Membership Information Policy
It was moved, seconded and carried to affirm the policy for release of membership information.

APPOINTMENTS
The Board approved the following appointments:

Disciplinary Panels – North and South
Robert J. Caldwell
Jacqueline Carman
Nell Christensen
Dana P. Oswalt
Daniel Royal
Sarah E. Smith
Dawn R. Throne
Dan Waite, Esq.
William Holland
Kellie C. Rubin
Judy Ann Prutzman
Becky Watson, EdD
Brooke M. Westlake
Jan T. Barker
Lynda Goldman
Natalie Ann Allred
Afeni Banks
Brittany Falconi
Joelyne Gold
Elizabeth A Hanson
Jack S. Hegeduis
Julia D. Heshmati
Anne Kingsley
Gale Kotlikova
Benjamin S. Lurie
Jo Kent McBeath
Vicki L. Seelig
Danny Lee Snyder Jr.
Steve Moore

Transitioning into Practice (TIP) Standing Committee
Rachel Donn, chair / Richard Galin

Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics
Todd Reese, Homero Gonzalez, Christopher Cannon, Patricia Halstead and Frank Toddre
Commission on Judicial Discipline
Karl Armstrong / Alternates -- Bill Hammer, Christopher Laurent and Laurence Irwin

Nevada Legal Services Board of Directors
Nancy Guhsn

Fee Dispute Committee
Dane Anderson
Katy Branson
Stephen Castronova
Ira David
Richard Dreitzer
Duane Frizell
Arun Gupta
Parish Heshmati
Debbie Leonard
Nicholas Pereos
Tina Zhang
Karen Hanks
Kendall Masuko
Michael McLoughlin
Judy Prutzman
Andrew Wong

Las Vegas, B Regional Chair:
Justin Watkins

PRESENTATION
Justice Michael Douglas Fellowship
Bryan Scott recapped the State Bar’s efforts on diversity during his tenure on the Board of Governors and after. He highlighted the shortcomings of the legal profession when it comes to diversity. Justice Douglas discussed his concerns regarding the lack of diversity in the law school and also in keeping “home-grown” students in Nevada.

Upon hearing the presentation, the Board supported the program and approved appointment to the Board of the Justice Michael Douglas Fellowship Program. It was moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Paola Armeni and Doug Clark to the Board of the Justice Michael Douglas Fellowship Program.

March 5, 2020 Email Vote
Via an email vote, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Letter of Intent Offer to lease tenant space at 3100 West Charleston and to authorize the Executive Committee in consultation with the Facilities Committee to negotiate the final terms of the Letter of Intent and the lease. Terry Coffing abstained from the vote.