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Memorandum

To: Executive Committee
From: Jeff Rodefer, Chairman 
Date: October 5, 2009
Subject: Minutes of October 1, 2009

MINUTES

Attendance. After being duly noticed, the following members of the Executive Committee (Committee), constituting a quorum pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Amended Bylaws (as approved May 9, 2001, and amended October 18, 2006), participated in a meeting held at the offices of Lewis and Roca, 3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 600, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169 at 9:00 a.m. on October 1, 2009: Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chairman; Michael J. Bonner; *Lou Dorn; *Dennis Gallagher; P. Gregory Giordano; John A. Godfrey and Lars Perry. Also, participating telephonically was James Bradshaw, Board of Governor Liaison.

*Via Telephone.

ITEMS DISCUSSED.

1. Welcomed Lars Perry as our newest Committee member. Lars Perry was greeted by those in attendance and the Committee looks forward to his contribution and ideas.
2. Approved the Minutes of May 21, 2009. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Committee approved the minutes of May 21st without any changes.
3. Approved the 2010 Budget. It was noted for the Committee that the revenue figures for CLE were revised in this budget based upon the profit generated from "2008 Gaming Law Conference." The profit is split 50-50 between the GLS and the CLE Department. It is expected that the "2009 Gaming Law Conference" will generate at least \$1,200 in revenue for the GLS. Mike Bonner inquired if the GLS membership has decreased with the poor economy. To date, the membership has been consistently right around 200 members for several years. Upon a motion

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duly made and seconded the Committee approved the proposed 2010 Budget with one minor change in footnote 2.

4. Nevada Gaming Lawyer (2009). The Committee briefly discussed the magazine. The final costs for the magazine will be approximately \$5,700, which includes graphic design, layout, revisions, printing 700 copies and mailing nearly 500 copies. The costs were offset, in part, by \$2,500 in advertising fees raised for the issue. It was also mentioned that Patty Becker was very pleased with the final product and appreciated the recognition of UNLV's International Gaming Institute. Next year, it was suggested that the magazine feature either the UNLV's Boyd School of Law or University of Nevada-Reno's Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming.

5. Pro Bono Work Card Program. Since Scott Scherer was unavailable to attend the meeting, the Committee was given a summary of Scott's efforts to establish a program or information for work card applicants concerning the availability of pro bono services. Scott's summary indicated that he had discussed the program with Nevada Gaming Commission Chairman, Pete Bernhard, who was less than receptive to the idea. Although State Gaming Control Board Chairman, Dennis Neilander and Board Member Randy Sayre did not express any objections to the idea, Chairman Neilander did, however, express reluctance about providing information about availability pro bono services and related contact information in the Board's correspondence letters to work card applicants. Scott indicated that it may be better to distribute information about pro bono services through the Culinary Union. Greg Giordano expressed concern that work card applicants who could afford to pay for legal services would take advantage of such a program. Mike Bonner indicated that the legal service agencies fully vet applicants to determine financial status. Lars Perry indicated that instead of the applicants receiving legal counsel during the Board and Commission hearings, it may be more beneficial to provide the entitled applicants to legal counsel prior to the hearing to explain process and the procedures that must be followed. This matter will be continued to the next meeting.

6. 2009 Gaming Law Conference-Update. Jack Godfrey indicated that he would be happy to handle the introduction for the keynote luncheon speaker, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. The Committee agreed that given the importance of the keynote address, it would make more sense to do a sit down lunch, rather than a buffet style setting. This would create fewer disturbances during Mr. Fahrenkopf's address. Additionally, the Committee was informed that a request was made of the State Bar to provide nicer "thank you gifts" for the speakers this year, this included suggestions of leather cases or iPods, etc. with the State Bar logo. Board of Governor Bradshaw indicated he would discuss the lunch and speaker gift arrangements with the State Bar. Additionally, in relationship to Item #3 on the Agenda, the Committee was told that LexisNexis was at one time considering sponsoring, in some manner, the seminar or luncheon. If this happened, then the costs of the conference would be reduced and the profit split with the GLS would be increased. However, to date, the State Bar has been unable to confirm the status of LexisNexis as a sponsor. Jeff Rodefer promised to provide the Committee with the deadline and a contact at the State Bar to provide speaker material for distribution to the conference attendees.

7. 2008 Gaming Law Conference-Revenue Update. The Committee was provided with a copy of the "profit & loss statement" from last year's conference that indicated a profit of \$2,451.68. This amount, as indicated in Item #3, was split 50-50 with the GLS.

8. 10th Annual Law Scholarship Golf Tournament. The Committee was given a brief update on the status of this charitable golf tournament, which will be held on May 7, 2010 at Las Vegas National Golf Club. John Knott, co-owner of Las Vegas National, has agreed to donate the course each year for this event. The Committee discussed sponsorship opportunities. Lou Dorn indicated that additional assistance was needed with the tournament and the members should start in the next month trying to secure sponsors. Mike Bonner requested that each member of the Committee be provided a list of sponsorship opportunities available and related prices. Board of Governor Bradshaw committed his law firm, McDonald Carano to being a sponsor.

9. Vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Per Bylaw 4.7, the Committee was informed that the initial appointment of the Chairman and Vice Chairman were by the Board of Governors. Subsequent appointments were by majority vote of a quorum of the Committee. Although the Bylaws permitted the Committee to vote annually to appoint or reappoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was noted for the Committee that the vote had traditionally been done in conjunction with the expiration of the 3-year terms for the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Greg Giordano inquired about Mark Clayton's continued interest in serving as Vice Chairman. No one at the meeting had received any indication from Mark about his intent and Greg suggested appointing a new Vice Chairman. Jack Godfrey inquired what the duties of Vice Chairman entailed, which Mike Bonner correctly noted involved merely serving in the absence of the Chairman. Greg Giordano asked Lou Dorn if he was interested in serving, but Lou declined the invitation. Jack Godfrey then nominated Greg Giordano to serve in the role. As such, Mike Bonner moved for the appointment of Greg Giordano as Vice Chairman and the reappointment of Jeff Rodefer as Chairman. Upon a second, the motion was unanimously approved.

10. Other Items of Interest. The Committee briefly discussed with Board of Governor Bradshaw putting a 15-20 minute gaming law segment in the "Bridge the Gap" CLE program, as well as greater notice from the State Bar if it desires the GLS to send representatives to make presentations at this CLE or the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Mr. Bradshaw agreed to follow-up with Lori Wolk, the State Bar's Liaison to the GLS and the CLE Department. Mr. Bradshaw was also asked about making the GLS page on the State Bar's website (www.nvbar.org) more user friendly and modern in its look and feel. He agreed to follow-up with Marc Mersol of the State Bar regarding this matter.

With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

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