



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Chicago, IL  
July 11, 2018**

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A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on July 11, 2018.

**The following members were in attendance:**

Gene Leverty, President  
Richard Pocker, President-Elect  
Paul Matteoni, Vice President  
Bryan Scott, Immediate Past President  
Jeff Albregts  
Paola Armeni  
Julie Cavanaugh Bill  
Eric Dobberstein  
Richard Dreitzer  
Cathy Mazzeo  
Ann Morgan  
Kari Stephens  
Ryan Works

**State Bar staff present:**

Kimberly Farmer  
Gale Skala  
Lisa Dreitzer  
Shelley Young  
Marc Mersol

**Guest**

Andrew Craner  
Jessica Goodey  
Scott Lachman  
Jenny Hubach  
Ashley Biehl

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gene Leverty presented an overview of the annual meeting. Mr. Leverty discussed the upcoming Supreme Court public hearing regarding a mandatory malpractice insurance requirement.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved: Minutes for April 12, 2018

### Approved Attorney Resignations

Combs, Jessica L.

Davidson, James A.

Edwards, Mary F.

Furlong, John A.

Lugaski, Suzanne M.

Myers, Andrew S.

Norwood, Walter V.

Rodewald-Fout, April

Willoughby, Margaret A.

### Section Appointments

Public Lawyers Section -- approved for a one-year term ending May 2019:

Chair: Sarah Bradley

Vice Chair: Melissa Flatley

Secretary: Michael Oh

Executive Members At Large – Leslie Admirand, Jill Davis, Sophia Long and Micaela Moore

Young Lawyers Section -- approved for a one-year term ending June 2019:

Chair: Kristin Matteoni; Paul Matteoni abstained from voting.

Gaming Law Section -- approved for a one-year term to the Executive Committee ending July 2019:

Karl Rutledge

Litigation Section Bylaw Changes – Approved recommended changes to the Litigation Section Bylaws.

ABA Retirement Benefit Renewal - Approved

Lawyer Advertising Interpretive Guidelines - Approved

Hartford Insurance Renewal - Approved

## **DISCUSSION**

Strategic Plan -- Gene Leverty and Kim Farmer presented an overview of the proposed 2018-2020 Strategic Goals. Upon discussion and suggested revisions, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the proposed 2018-2020 Strategic Goals.

We the People (WTP) -- In 2016, the Board of Governors began discussions with Marc Picker, President of the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement (NVCCE) about the future of the state bar's We the People program. The concept is to form a partnership with the NVCCE to transfer management of the WTP program to the NVCCE. The State Bar would fund the WTP program for remainder of 2018 with a step down in funding in 2019 and 2020. This partnership agreement provides for a smooth transfer of the We the People program and ensures continuity for the program

thru October 2021, giving the NVCCE time to solicit funding for its future operations.

It was moved, seconded and carried granting authority to the Executive Committee on finalizing the proposed partnership between NVCCE and the State Bar.

## **REPORTS**

Nevada Board of Continuing Education Report – Jenny Hubach, chair of the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education (NVCLE Board) provided a report. Her report presented an overview and status of the NVCLE Board provider plan and the current budget. Board members asked questions about the budget and administrative expenses and expressed concerns over the current provider plan. Ms. Hubach discussed the ADKT filed by the NVCLE Board. The Board determined that they would submit comment when the ADKT comes to a public hearing. Gene Leverty appointed a taskforce to work with staff on drafting the comments. Members of the taskforce are Julie Cavanaugh Bill, Eric Dobberstein, Andrew Craner and Cathy Mazzeo.

Office of Bar Counsel Report -- Shelley Young reported on the statistics of the Office of Bar Counsel (OBC) which showed the progress on the discipline backlog. Kim Farmer provided an update on OBC staffing levels.

Young Lawyers Section Report -- Scott Lachman presented a report on the recent activities of the Young Lawyers Section (YLS). Mr. Lachman highlighted that YLS received the ABA YLD Grant for a Public Service Project.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Financial Report-2018 Revised Budget -- Marc Mersol presented the May 2018 financial report and the proposed revised 2018 budget. The Budget Committee moved to approve the revised budget. Motion carried.

Intellectual Property Section -- The Intellectual Property Section submitted final comment to be filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) to assist the USPTO as it examines Patent Subject Matter Eligibility. It was moved, seconded and carried to permit filing the comments and that the section can assert that the positions discussed are endorsed by the section only.

Suspension List -- It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the revised suspension list.

Board of CLE Agreement- Fee Collection -- It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Agreement between the NVCLE Board and the State Bar of Nevada for collection of NVCLE Board annual fees.

3100 W Charleston – Leasing -- Kim Farmer reviewed the Letter of Intent to lease Suite 204. It was moved, seconded and carried to grant authority to the Executive Committee to approve the final lease agreement and tenant improvements.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

ABA House of Delegates -- Approved: Damon Dias to the ABA House of Delegates for a two-year term commencing at the close of the ABA August 2018 meeting.

Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Ethics – The Board deferred making appointments to the Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Ethics until the September 2018 Board meeting.

Lawyer Representative – Ninth Circuit -- Approved: Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit for a three-year term commencing August 2018.

Southern Division -- James Kemp

Northern Division -- Michael Large, Holly Parker

Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee -- Approved for a three-year term commencing June 2018.  
Sunethra Murilidhara, Rost Olson, Dawn Throne

Clients' Security Fund -- Approved:

Brigid Higgins, Chair, One-year term ending July 2019  
Reed Werner, Vice Chair, One-year term ending July 2019  
David Rhamy, Three-year term ending July 2021

Lawyer Advertising -- Approved:

James Barnes, III – One year term ending July 2019  
Danielle Christenson - One-year term ending July 2019  
Adam Hosmer-Henner – Two-year term ending July 2020  
Sheila Van Duyne- Two-year term ending July 2020  
Bennair Bateman- Two-year term ending July 2020  
Alicia Exley – Two-year term ending July 2020  
Nathalie Gottschalk- One-year term ending July 2019  
Joseph Riccio – One-year term ending July 2019  
John Blackmon- Two-year term ending July 2020  
Maria Veronica Saldino- One-year term ending July 2019  
Mike Lowry, Chair- One-year term ending July 2019

Publications Committee -- Approved:

Travis Shetler- Three-year term ending June 2021  
Paul Ray, Chair- One-year term ending June 2019  
Jeffrey Luszeck, Vice Chair- One-year term ending June 2019

Board of Bar Examiners – Approved:

John Petty for a two-year term ending September 2020.

Continuing Legal Education-- Approved for a three-year term ending May 2021:

Stephanie Buntin  
Jack Burden  
Danielle Christenson  
Michelle Hauser  
Asher Killian  
Pamela Lawson  
Samantha Mentzel  
Joseph Riccio  
Gary Zernich  
Approved Jack Burden, Chair, one- year term ending May 2019  
Approved Melanie Muldowney, Vice Chair, one -year term ending May 2019

Mock Trial Committee -- Approved for two-year term ending July 2020:

Valerie Bayard de Volo  
Shane Bean  
Lisa Bruce  
Andrew Chiu  
Sandra DiGiacomo  
Kimberley Hyson  
Mary Kandaras  
Sarada Toomey  
Approved, Don Christensen, one- year term ending July 2019

We the People -- Approved for one-year term ending July 2019:

Deborah Berger  
Zelalem Bogale  
Jenna Garcia  
Will Hull  
Carin Irvin  
Michael Vannozzi  
Richard Dreitzer abstained from voting.

TIP Mentors -- Approved for a two-year term:

Kathryn Armstrong  
Serena Baig-Cooper  
Elizabeth Bassett  
Heidi Chlarson  
Kathryn Newman  
Allyson Noto  
Kevin Pasquale  
Eric Stryker  
Kenneth Webster  
Richard Dreitzer abstained from voting.

Lawyer Referral and Information Services -- Approved for a three-year term ending July 2021:

M. Nelson Segel  
Michelle Hauser  
Gary Zernich

Nevada Bar Foundation-- Approved Ann Morgan for a two-year term ending July 2020.

Disciplinary Panel -- Approved Southern Panel for three-year term ending July 2021:

Sandra DiGiacomo	Anat Levy
Andrew Chiu	Dawn Lozano
James Chrisman	Jason Maier
Ira David	Farhan Naqvi
Robert Giunta	Peter Ossowski
Parish Heshmati	Brian Pezzillo
Jennifer Hostetler	Miriam Rodriguez
James Leavitt	Maria Saladino
Michael Lee	Jacob Villani

Approved one-year term ending July 2019:

Chair, Luke Puschnig                      Vice Chair, Ken Hogan  
Richard Dreitzer abstained from voting.

Approved Northern Panel for three-year term ending July 2021:

Nathan Aman  
Kendra Bertschy  
Alison Kertis  
Amos Stege

Approved:Chair, Caren Jenkins              Vice Chair, Bruce Hahn

### **Taskforce Reports**

UPL Taskforce – Eric Dobberstein discussed the first meeting of the Taskforce. The Taskforce grouped UPL under the

following categories:

- Notorios/Document preparers
- Suspended/disbarred attorneys
- Out-of-state attorneys
- Legal companies (i.e. Legal Zoom, Avvo)
- Paralegals/Legal assistants
- Other factors that may contribute to UPL –unbundled legal services

Their next steps are to understand the scope of the UPL issue for each category.

Reciprocity— Ann Morgan provided an overview of the most recent meeting of the Reciprocity Taskforce. They focused on the requirements for limited practice certifications and the plan to bring an ADKT to the Board in the near future. They will then focus research and discussion on the Uniform Bar Exam.

Trust Accounts—Gene Leverty discussed the next steps now that the Court did not approve a mandatory trust account audit program. The area of focus will be on development of publications and education programs to assist lawyers in management of their trust accounts.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:00 pm and concluded at 3:25 pm.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following slate of officers to the Board of Governors commencing July 12, 2018.

President: Richard Pocker

President-Elect: Paul Matteoni

Vice President: Eric Dobberstein

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

#### **VIA EMAIL VOTE, AUGUST 1, 2018**

Executive Committee approved a counter offer as presented in the revised Letter of Intent. This counter offer adjusts the lease rate for suite 204 at 3100 West Charleston to \$1.75 per square foot; outlines the reserved parking; and clarifies the language on tenant improvements.