



**Minutes – Board of Governors Meeting
June 24, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on June 24, 2020

The following members were in attendance:

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

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer
Lisa Dreitzer
Marc Mersol
Manny Botello
Dan Hooge

Guests:

Seth Adams
Brittanie Watkins

CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Matteoni called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 1:00 pm. Mr. Matteoni addressed the Board and welcomed everyone to his final meeting as president.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, second and carried to remove the MDL Listing agreement from consent agenda.
Consent agenda approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Practice Management Advisor:

Kimberly Farmer provided an overview on the goals and objectives of the Practice Management Program, Handle/BAR, and the role of a Practice Management Advisor (PMA). Julie Cavanaugh-Bill supported the program and proposal, she recently found herself with an attorney in the rural communities with many questions on starting a practice and nowhere to turn. The Board discussed the PMA position and directed additions to the Memorandum of Understanding to include a requirement for malpractice insurance and the addition of indemnity clauses. A notice of the PMA position opening will be advertised as well.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marc Mersol presented a summary of the state bar's Financial Report for April 30, 2020. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the April 30, 2020 financial report.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

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

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments:

CLE Committee:

Chad Pace
Lauren Clavert
Stacey Newman

Chair: Danielle Christenson

Vice-Chair: Lauren Calvert

Mock-Trial Committee:

It was moved, second and carried to approve change of Rules of Procedure for the committee.

Lisa Bruce
Andrew Chiu
Sandra DiGiacomo
John Giordani
Edmund Gorman
Kimberly Hyson
Gale Kotlikolva
Emily Strand
Richard Vaughan
Andrew Wong

Chair: Andrew Chiu

ABA Delegate:

Richard Pocker

Discipline Panel:

North

Brian Duffrin
Bruce Hahn
Lucas Foletta
Caren Jenkins
Asher A. Killan
Katherine Lyon

Chair: Bruce Hahn
Vice-Chair: Eric Stoval

South

Kathy Dalvey
Damon Dias
Kelly Giordani
Donald Lowry
Russ Marsh
John Rasmussen
Vincent Romeo
Marni Watkins

Chair: Russ Marsh
Vice-Chair: Christopher Lali
Vice-Chair: Dana Oswalt

Nevada Bar Foundation:

Patricia Halstead

TIP Committee:

Andrea Nichols
Kirsty Pickering

Lawyer Advertising Committee:

James I. Barnes, III
Ben Bateman
Alicia Exley
Adriana Fralick
Adam Hosmer-Henner
Sheila Van Duyne

Chair: James I. Barnes, III

Client Security Fund Committee:

Jeffery Sloane
Brigid Higgins
Reed Werner

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DISCUSSION

CLE Requirements for attorneys over 70:

It was moved and seconded to table the matter to the next Board meeting.

Unclaimed Funds:

This discussion item will be addressed at a later meeting.

Board of Governor Elections:

Kimberly Farmer outlined the current policy and process with Board of Governors elections and their results. Mr. Matteoni appointed a Taskforce to review the Supreme Court Rules relating to the Board of Governors election. Paola Armeni, Richard Dreitzer, Kari Stephens and Joel Locke were appointed to the Taskforce.

Statement on Legal Observers:

The Board was asked to consider making a statement on the current issues regarding the arrest of legal observers and civil unrest. After discussion it was moved and second to table the matter to a later discussion. Terry Coffing abstained.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following slate of officers to the Board of Governors commencing June 24, 2020.

President-Elect: Ann Morgan

Vice President: Paola Armeni

The Board congratulated Eric Dobberstein in his accession to the 2020-2021 President role.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Email Vote, June 29, 2020

Via email, a motion was made with a second to support publication of a statement "Open Letter to Nevadans from the State Bar of Nevada" responding to the civil unrest around the country. The motion failed. Terry Coffing abstained from voting.

Email Vote, July 30, 2020, E-mail Vote

Via email, it was moved, seconded, and approved to submit a petition the Supreme Court to mandate virtual hearings during the pandemic for issues pertaining to attorney misconduct.