Minutes
Board of Governors Meeting
November 19, 2015
Las Vegas, Nevada

E-mail vote November 26-30, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on November 19, 2015.

The following members were in attendance:

Larry Digesti, President
Bryan Scott, President Elect
Elana Turner Graham, Immediate Past President
Kimberly Buchanan
Julie Cavanaugh Bill
Eric Dobberstein
Richard Dreitzer
Troy Isaacson
Gene Leverty
Ann Morgan
Richard Pocker
Ryan Russell
Kari Stephens
Ryan Works

State Bar staff present:
Kimberly Farmer
Gale Skala
Lisa Dreitzer
Marc Mersol
Shelley Young
Stan Hunterton
Brian Kunzi

Guest:
Layke Martin
Daniel Coppa
Hon. Kimberly Wanker
CALL TO ORDER
President Larry Digesti called the meeting to order on November 19, 2015 at 10:00 am with quorum present.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Larry Digesti presented a review of the recent meetings with the Judges in Washoe and Clark counties. Meetings are also scheduled with the Civil Judges in Clark County in January and Carson City Judges in mid-December. In addition there is a meeting scheduled with the office of the Attorney General to discuss the Unlicensed Practice of Law.

DISCUSSION
Daniel G. Coppa Commissioner with the Nevada Juvenile Justice Commission (NJJC) spoke to the Board of Governors about the goals of the Commission. Mr. Coppa emphasized the importance of competent prosecution and defense legal representation for a fair system of juvenile justice in Nevada.

Judge Kimberly Wanker who presides in Nevada’s 5th Judicial District spoke about the importance of juvenile justice education/training for attorneys, juvenile court judges and masters. They asked if the State Bar would consider partnering with the NJJC to develop education programs. Larry Digesti suggested creating a taskforce to work with the NJJC to review potential programming. Members of the taskforce are: Daniel Coppa, Judge Kimberly Wanker, Julie Cavanaugh Bill, chair, Troy Isaacson, Ryan Russell, Kari Stephens, and Ann Morgan.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION REPORT
Layke Martin reported on the current activities of the Young Lawyer Section. Ms. Martin highlighted the recent success of the Project Salute pro bono clinic held in Reno and Las Vegas.

DISCIPLINE REPORT
Stan Hunterton, Bar Counsel, presented the latest statistics and the status of the discipline backlog. Mr. Hunterton discussed his proposal to bring in an experienced investigator as an independent contractor to investigate the most difficult cases involving financial matters, rather than hiring a full time paralegal. Mr. Hunterton also reported on the lack of consistency in panel decisions and plans to address the issue.

Mr. Digesti reviewed the state bar Conflict of Interest policy. Mr. Digesti spoke about the recent conflict concerning a panel member and representation of an attorney on a discipline matter. The policy previously approved by the Board of Governors covers this issue and should be followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Marc Mersol reviewed the proposed 2016 budget. It was moved and carried to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the 2016 proposed budget.

Marc Mersol also reviewed the financial operations of the state bar as of September 30, 2015

Facilities
Kimberly Farmer reported on the status of the lease renewal for Quest diagnostics whose lease expires 1/31/16. It was moved and carried to approve the recommendation of the Facilities Taskforce to
approve the lease renewal proposal for Quest Diagnostics.

Kimberly Farmer presented an overview of a tenant request to be released from their current lease agreement. Upon discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize Kim Farmer to work with a broker on options of acquiring a tenant to lease the space.

Board of Bar Examiner Appointment
It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Dean Gould for a three year term commencing October 2016.

NLAP Memorandum of Understanding
Kimberly Farmer presented an overview of the Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the amendment requesting that a law and venue provision be added to the MOU.

Southern Advertising Committee Appointments
The Southern Advertising Advisory Committee has three openings for new attorney members and one opening for a lay person. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following attorneys and lay person for a two year term commencing January 2016.
Daniel Heidtke
Tom Letizia
Donald Paradisco
Homa Woodrum

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:00 pm and concluded the Executive Session at 2:30 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA
Approved Minutes of September 2015
Approved – Proposed Addition to the application for attorneys not admitted in Nevada (SCR 42) – “Nevada Counsel Consent for Association of Counsel (pro hac vice) Application”
Approved – Young Lawyers Student Membership Proposal

CONTRACTS APPROVED
  o  We the People James Madison Legacy Project
  o  Nevada Bar Website
  o  D&O Insurance Policy

APPROVED ATTORNEY RESIGNATIONS
Elisabeth Angela Bool
Donald Cavin Hill
Don P. Martin
Christine M. Schwamberger
Andrew L. Strom
Loddavahn Elizabeth Tolzmann
Benjamin Yu
APPOINTMENTS

Section Appointments

LGBT Section - slate of officers be appointed to a two year term ending September 2017:
Chair: James Davis
Chair Elect: Kim Surratt
Secretary: Peter Goatz
Treasurer: Peter Cleary

Probate & Trust Section - slate of officers be appointed to a two year term ending October 2017:
Chair: Elizabeth Brickfield
Vice Chair: Michaelle Rafferty
Secretary: Dana Dwiggins
Treasurer: Julia Gold

Solo and Small Practice Section - slate of officers be appointed to a one year term ending October 2016:
Chair: Edmund Joseph Gorman
Vice Chair: Laura Stubberud
Secretary: Jenny Hubach
Treasurer: Steven Devney

Intellectual Property Section - slate of officers be appointed to a one year term ending October 2016:
Chair: Joanna Myers
Vice Chair: Lindsey Williams
Secretary: Stephanie Buntin
Treasurer: Juan Rodriguez

Tax Law Section - slate of officers be appointed to a one year term ending November 2016:
Chair: Krisanne Cunningham
Vice Chair: Andrew Glendon
Secretary: Jared Johnson
Treasurer: Andrea Nichols

Standing Committee on Transition into Practice
Approved to serve for two-year terms:
Gregory Kamer December 2015 - December 2017
Paola Armeni December 2015 - December 2017
Ruth Miller December 2015 - December 2017

Commission on Judicial Discipline
Approved – following reappointments for a four year term:
Karl Armstrong Alternate Commissioner Laurence Irwin

Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics
Approved- following reappointments for a two year term:
Christopher Cannon Paul Connaghan
Patricia Halstead Bill Hammer
Frank Toddre II
Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee
Approved for reappointment to a one-year term:

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Approved for a three-year appointment to the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee.

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<td>Mark Thome (layperson)</td>
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**EMAIL VOTE, NOVEMBER 26-30, 2015, Business Law Amicus Brief**

The Board of Governors considered the request by the Business Law Section to file an amicus brief. Via email it was moved, seconded and carried to allow the Business Law Section to file the proposed brief subject to inclusion of the following language as set forth in Section 7.10 of the State Bar’s Bylaws:

This position is being presented only on behalf of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada. This position should not be construed as representing the position of the Board of Governors or the general membership of the State Bar. The Business Law Section, which takes this position, is a voluntary section with members composed of lawyers practicing in a specified area of law. This position is taken as a result of a vote of a unanimous vote of the executive committee of the Business Law Section, which is the governing body of that section. No approval or disapproval of the general membership of this section has been obtained.

**EMAIL VOTE, DECEMBER 27, 2015, Family Law Amicus Brief**

Via email, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve that the Family Law Section submit an amicus brief subject to inclusion of the language as set forth in Section 7.10 of the State Bar’s Bylaws:

This position is being presented only on behalf of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada. This position should not be construed as representing the position of the Board of Governors or the general membership of the State Bar. The Family Law Section, which takes this position, is a voluntary section with members composed of lawyers practicing in a specified area of law. This position is taken as a result of a vote of the executive committee of the Family Law Section, which is the governing body of that section. No approval or disapproval of the general membership of this section has been obtained.