



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 (NJJ) 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

2016 Budget/ 2015 Financial Report

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

- *We the People* James Madison Legacy Project
- Nevada Bar Website
- 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 Dwigins

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:

Name	Regional Chair	Effective Date
Dan Waite	LVA	December 2015

Approved for reappointment to a three-year term:

Name	Regional Panel	Effective Date
William Brenske	LVC	December 2015
Carolyn Broussard	LVC	December 2015
Craig Burkett	Reno	December 2015
Richardo Ehmann	LVB	December 2015
Darrell Faircloth	Reno	December 2015
R. Nathan Gibbs	LVC	December 2015
Andrea Nichols	Reno	December 2015
Todd Plimpton	Rural	December 2015
David Salmon	LVA	December 2015
Richard Teichner	Reno	December 2015

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

Name	Regional Panel	Effective Date
Mark Thome (layperson)	LVC	December 2015

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:

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