



**MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Las Vegas, NV
October 24, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on October 24, 2012.

The following members were in attendance:

Frank Flaherty, President
Alan Lefebvre, President-Elect
Connie Akridge, Immediate Past President
Paola Armeni
Elizabeth Brickfield
Larry Digesti
Eric Dobberstein
Gene Leverty
Paul Matteoni
Ann Morgan
Richard Pocker
Bryan Scott via telephone
Richard Scotti
Mason Simons
David Wall

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer
Gale Skala
David Clark
Marc Mersol

Guests:

Dylan Ciciliano
Dara Goldsmith
Layne Rushworth
Michael Buckley
Nathan Sosa
Sean Coulter
Christine Sheets
Richard Wilmot

The meeting was as called to order by President Frank Flaherty at 9:41 am there being a quorum present.

DISCUSSION -- DUE DILEGENCE FOR AZURE BUILDING

The Board of Governors took a tour of the building at 7485 W. Azure. Also present were Sean Coulter, Christine Sheets and Richard Wilmot from the architectural firm of Pugsley, Simpson and Coulter (PSC). PSC is conducting a facilities needs assessment for the state bar. At the conclusion of the building tour, Ms. Farmer and Michael Buckley (state bar's pro bono attorney for the building purchase), discussed the status of the due diligence process issues of interest.

Marc Mersol presented various options to fund the purchase of a new building. Mr. Mersol gave an overview of the current interest rates on investments versus the interest rates if the state bar financed the purchase of a new building.

ACTION ITEMS

Section Legislative Agendas

Real Property Section Michael Buckley provided an overview of the changes the Real Property Section is proposing during the upcoming Legislative session. It was moved, seconded and carried to handle the Section's changes one at a time.

-NRS 40.458 – approved state bar endorsement of the proposed changes. Section may assert that the position is endorsed by the state bar and the section.

-NRS 107.080 – approved proposed changes to be presented by the section only. Section may assert that the position is being presented only on behalf of the section.

Animal Law Section Nathan Sosa reported on the proposed Legislative changes. It was moved, seconded and carried to discuss one item at a time.

-NRS 574.100 – Denied endorsement of the state bar; disapproves of the section's position thus section shall not take a position on this matter.

-NRS 501.171 and 501.265 –NRS 41.740 – postponed the discussion on the recommended changes for a future Board meeting.

-NRS 202.500 -- Denied endorsement of the state bar; disapproves of the section's position thus section shall not take a position on this matter.

Probate & Trust Section Layne Rushworth and Dara Goldsmith discussed the proposed changes for the section.

-BDR 179 -- approved state bar endorsement of the proposed changes. Section may assert that the position is endorsed by the state bar and the section.

-BDR 465 -- approved state bar endorsement of the proposed changes. Section may assert that the position is endorsed by the state bar and the section.

Financials- August 2012

Marc Mersol presented the financial report as of August 31, 2012.

Temporary Member Judicial Selection

It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Teresa Rankin as a temporary member to the Judicial Selection Committee. Larry Digesti abstained from voting.

TIP Report to Court

Kimberly Farmer discussed the TIP annual report and ADKT 0464. It was moved, seconded and carried to submit the TIP annual report and ADKT 0464 to the Supreme Court. Paola Armeni abstained from voting.

REPORTS

Young Lawyers Section

Dylan Ciciliano highlighted the recent activities of the Young Lawyers Section. Project Salute will be on November 12, 2012. The Law-suits clothing drive will conclude at the end of October.

Office of Bar of Counsel

David Clark reported on the recent statistics of the Office of Bar Counsel. Mr. Clark noted the number of grievances received has increased 8% over this time last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at 2:09 pm and concluded the Executive Session at 3:30 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following consent agenda items.

Minutes of August 2012

Attorney Resignations – approved the resignations of Ronald Gene Holbert and Mathew F. Quint

LRIS Public Service Grants Program – approved the new grant review procedure, the revised grant making policies and the revised grant application.

UNLV Contract – approved UNLV contract for the February Bar Exam.

CLE Content Management System Contract – approved Legal Interactive proposed CLE Content Management System.

Insurance-EPLI/ D&O Insurance – approved 2013 D&O and EPLI coverage with OneBeacon Insurance Group/Atlantic Specialty Co.

APPOINTMENTS

Functional Equivalency Committee – approved Chris Davis and Hon. Gloria Sturman for a three year term ending October 20

Disciplinary Board – approved John Echeverria as Vice-Chair to the Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board for a one year term commencing October 24, 2012.

Lawyer Advertising

Approved Bennair Batement for a two year appointment to the Southern Lawyer Advertising Advisory Committee commencing November 1, 2012.

Approved Linda Linton and Laury Macauley for a two year appointment to the Northern Lawyer Advertising Advisory Committee commencing November 1, 2012.

Approved for reappointment Adam Bult for a two year term to the Southern Lawyer Advertising Committee commencing November 5, 2012.

Approved for reappointment Dane Anderson for a two year to the Northern Lawyer Advertising Committee commencing October 26, 2012.

Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

Approved for a three year appointment:

Glenn Meier, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
Laura Browning, Las Vegas Panel A	Effective October 2012

Approved Todd Kennedy for reappointment as Panel Chair, Las Vegas Panel A for a one year term effective October 2012.

Approved reappointments for a three year term:

Neil Beller, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
Dustin Dingman, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
John Dean Harper, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
John T. Kelleher, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
Thaddeus Yurek, Las Vegas Panel C	Effective October 2012
David Riddle, Las Vegas Panel A	Effective October 2012

Clients' Security Fund Committee – approved Catherine Reichenberg for a three year term to the Clients' Security Fund Committee commencing November 2012.

Diversity Committee

Approved reappointment of Romeo Perez as Chair to the Diversity Committee for a one year term effective November 2012.

Approved reappointments of Adam Bult and Rene Valladares for a two year term effective November 2012.

Energy, Utilities and Communication Law Section

Approved the following slate of officers to a one year term ending August 2013:

Dan Reaser, Chair
Doug Brooks, Vice Chair
Curt Ledford, Secretary
Craig Newby, Treasurer

Lawyer Referral Committee - Approved reappointment of Lesley Miller for a three year term ending June 2015.

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Approved Alan Freer as Chair and Joseph Garin as Vice Chair on the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility for a two year term ending May 2014.

Approved appointment of William Brett Kandt for a two year term ending July 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Email Vote of the Board, November 27, 2012

Due to timing of this matter the Board, via an email vote, approved supporting the CFPB Privilege Protection Legislation, S. 2294. Currently held up in the Senate, this technical correction bill would clarify existing federal statutory law to allow banks and other supervised entities to submit privileged information to the CFPB during examinations without waiving the privilege as to all third parties. The Board approved sending letters to Senators Reid and Heller in support of S. 2294.