



## Public Lawyers Section 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting of the  
State Bar of Nevada Public Lawyers Section,  
held May 12, 2011, at Harveys Resort – South Lake Tahoe, NV

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call.** Chairman Brett Kandt called the 2011 annual meeting of the Section to order at 12:45 PM.

**II. Chair Report.** The Section Chairman reported that the Section budget for 2011, as approved by the State Bar's Board of Governors, once again utilized all available Section revenues to co-sponsor the 2011 Nevada Government Civil Attorneys Conference with the Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys. The Executive Council will discuss Section revenue when finalizing the 2012 Section budget and may propose a future increase in conference registration fees and/or Section dues at the 2012 annual meeting.

**III. Presentation of 2011 James M. Bartley Distinguished Public Lawyer Award.** The Section Chairman called upon Tracy Chase to make the presentation of the 2011 Bartley Award to Marilyn Craig: "In recognition of her years of exemplary service as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Reno, her dedication and innovation as legal counsel to a growing municipality, and her commitment to the highest professional standards as a public lawyer."

**IV. Nomination and Election of Officers and Executive Council.** The Section held elections for officers and Executive Council members, subject to ratification by the Board of Governors of the State Bar, pursuant to §8.0 of the Bylaws.

The Section Chairman reported that Tina Russom expressed interest in serving as an officer and Melanie Bruketta agreed to step down as Vice-Chair to allow Tina the opportunity to serve on the Executive Council; otherwise all other Executive Council members agreed to serve another term. The Section Chairman invited nominations: Janet Traut moved, seconded by Melanie Foster, for the nomination of all current officers and Executive Council members to continue service for another term, with the exception of Vice-Chair, for which Tina Russom was nominated. The nominations were closed. By unanimous vote:

**A. Chairman.** Brett Kandt, Executive Director, State of Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys, was re-elected Chairman for the 2011-12 term.

**B. Vice-Chairperson.** Tina Russom, Carson City Deputy District Attorney, was elected Vice-Chairperson for the 2011-12 term.

**C. Secretary.** Mary-Anne Miller, County Counsel, Clark County, was re-elected Secretary for the 2011-12 term.

**D. Executive Council Members-At Large.** The following individuals were re-elected as members-at-large of the Executive Council for the 2011-12 term:

- Mark Ghan, Vice President/General Counsel of Western Nevada College
- Rusty Jardine, General Counsel, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

- Cliff Jeffers, Deputy District Attorney, Clark County
- Paul Lipparelli, Assistant District Attorney, Washoe County

The Section will therefore request that the Board of Governors ratify the officer and Executive Council election results submitted pursuant to §8.0 of the Bylaws:

**V. 2011—12 Action Plan.** The Section took the following action:

**A. Section Activities.** The Section Chairman thanked Brian Chally for his ongoing publication of the Section newsletter, the *Public Lawyer*. The Section Chairman reported that he had worked with the State Bar to improve communication among the Section members through email, including dissemination of the *Public Lawyer*.

**B. 2012 Nevada Government Civil Attorneys Conference.** Upon a motion by Brandi Jensen, seconded by Kevin Hedden, and carried unanimously, the Section agreed to utilize all available 2012 Section revenues to co-sponsor the 2012 Nevada Government Civil Attorneys Conference with the Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys, to hold the conference May 16-18, 2012, at Harveys Resort in South Lake Tahoe, and to hold the 2012 annual meeting of the Section at the Conference pursuant to §5.0 of the Bylaws.

**VI. Other Matters.** None.

**VII. Section Comments.** None.

**VIII. Time and Location of Next Meeting.** The Section Chairman reported that he would submit an annual report to the Board of Governors of the State Bar pursuant to §13.0 of the Bylaws, together with the Executive Council election results for ratification, and then contact the Council members to schedule the next Council meeting.

**IX. Adjournment.** The Section adjourned the 2011 annual meeting without motion at 1:15 PM.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN**

I, Brett Kandt, the duly elected Chairman of the State Bar of Nevada Public Lawyers Section, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting of the Section.

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Brett Kandt  
Chairman  
Public Lawyers Section