



Minutes
Board of Governors Meeting
September 23, 2014
Las Vegas, NV

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened at 10:49 am on September 23, 2014.

The following members were in attendance:

Elana Turner Graham, President
Larry Digesti, President- Elect
Bryan Scott, Vice President
Alan Lefebvre, Immediate Past President
Julie Cavanaugh-Bill
Eric Dobberstein
Richard Dreitzer
Troy Isaacson
Gene Leverty
Paul Matteoni
Ann Morgan
Richard Pocker
Ryan Russell
Kari Stephens
Ryan Works

Guests:

Chris Newbold, ALPS
Layke Stolberg, Young Lawyers Section
Matt Digesti, Young Lawyers Section
David Schaper, Barnard, Vogler & Co.
Michael Buckley
John Leach
Rob Kim
Alan Freer
Kim Suratt
Julia Gold

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer
Gale Skala
Shelley Young
David Clark
Lisa Dreitzer
Marc Mersol

CALL TO ORDER

President Elana Graham called the meeting to order at 10:49 am with quorum present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Elana welcomed new members and presented an overview of the meeting.

REPORTS

Audit Report

David Schaper of Banard, Vogler and Co. presented the 2013 audit report to the Board of Governors. Both the State Bar of Nevada and the Nevada Bar Foundation received an unqualified audit opinion. The Board and auditors entered into Executive Session at 12:31 pm and concluded the Executive Session at 12:50 pm.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

600 E. Charleston Blvd.

Kimberly Farmer presented a market overview and how it relates to the sale of 600 East Charleston. Ms. Farmer also reviewed the lease option and the letter of interest presented to Nevada Legal Services (NLS). If the Board of Governors approves the lease option, NLS will seek NLS Board approval of the lease terms. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the lease option (and letter of interest) and that 600 East Charleston will remain on the market until NLS commits to leasing the building.

CLE Taskforce

Kimberly Farmer reported on the staff changes to the Board of Continuing Legal Education. Ms. Farmer discussed the recent ADKT submitted to the Supreme Court by the Board of Continuing Legal Education. Prior to preparing a formal response to the ADKT, Ms. Farmer requested direction from the Governors. After discussing different options, it was moved, seconded and carried that the CLE Taskforce (Ann Morgan, Paul Matteoni and Richard Dreitzer) will review the matter. In addition, a letter will be sent informing the Court that the Board is preparing a response to the ADKT. Bryan Scott abstained from voting.

Bryan Scott's term on the Board of Continuing Legal Education expires December 31, 2014. It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Richard Dreitzer for a three year term beginning January 1, 2015. Bryan Scott and Richard Dreitzer abstained from voting.

DISCUSSION

Trends- Lawyers Professional Liability

ALPS representative, Chris Newbold presented history on Professional Liability, Risk Management and a recent launch of ALPS Attorney Match. Mr. Newbold explained the Attorney Match as an innovative, free web-based service launched to match the baby boomer generations of lawyers soon slated to exit the profession with a new crop of incoming lawyers facing disappointing job prospects.

Young Lawyers Section

Matthew Digesti and Layke Stolberg of the Young Lawyers Section gave highlights on the section's annual strategy meeting. The major goals of the section for the coming year are:

- Expanding the Trial Academy
- Focus on the initiatives that bring value to section members
- Increase communication with young lawyers so that the section can grow young lawyer involvement.

Layke Stolberg reviewed the status of the Trial Academy. Larry Digesti would like to have more training

offered for young criminal attorneys. A committee of Kari Stephens, Julie Cavanaugh Bill and Larry Digesti will communicate with the District Attorney's office and the Public Defenders inquiring on how much interest their offices have in sending their deputies for further training.

Matthew Digesti presented an overview of the importance of participation by YLS in the yearly ABA conferences. YLS has sufficient ABA conference funding for the remainder of 2014 but will be requesting additional funding in 2015 to cover costs of members' attendance at each of the four conferences.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the following appointments to the Young Lawyers Section for a two year term commencing October 2014.

Amber Duvall – Carson City representative

Kyle Waite – Rural District representative

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the reappointments of Layke Stolberg, Jeffrey Connor and Eric Pepperman for an additional two year term.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Kimberly Farmer presented an overview of the Office of Bar Counsel process. Office of Bar Counsel will provide a monthly status report on the progress of reducing the backlog.

ACTION ITEMS

Medical Marijuana ADKT

David Clark gave synopsis on ADKT 0495, amendment to Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2 Regarding Medical Marijuana. The Board had concerns with the ADKT as presented. It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint a Medical Marijuana taskforce and that David Clark will seek an extension for the Bar's response with the Court until December 30, 2014. Members of the taskforce are Larry Digesti, Ryan Russell, Gene Leverty, Paul Matteoni, Richard Pocker and Troy Isaacson.

Section Legislative Proposals

Business Law Robert Kim presented an overview of changes the Business Law Section is proposing during the upcoming Legislative session. It was moved, seconded and carried that the section may assert that the positions discussed are endorsed by the section only with the understanding *Section 18, Choice of Law* will be removed.

Family Law/LGBT Kim Surratt reported on the proposed legislative changes for the upcoming Legislative session for the Family Law and the LGBT Sections. Upon removing the proposed guardianship portion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the section may assert that the positions discussed are endorsed by the section only.

Real Property Michael Buckley and John Leach discussed the proposed changes for the upcoming Legislative session. It was moved, seconded and carried that the section may assert that the positions discussed are endorsed by the section only.

Probate and Trust Alan Freer and Julia Gold reviewed the changes for the upcoming Legislative session. It was moved, seconded and carried that the section may assert that the positions discussed are endorsed by the section only. Kari Stephens abstained from voting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approved Minutes of July 2014

Approved New Copyright Assignment Agreement for Nevada Practitioners' Journal of Labor and Employment Law

Approved Renewal of ABA Retirement Funds Program for an additional three year term commencing October 2014.

Approved License Fee Voluntary Donation Policy

CONTRACT

Approved UNLV contract for the February 2015 Br Exam

RESIGNATIONS Approved the following attorney resignations:

Kelly Jean Buchanan

Thomas D. Czik

Melissa Kolovrat

APPOINTMENTS

LRIS Committee

Approved – Lance Hendron, Vice Chair

Approved – James Howard, three year term ending June 2017

Publications Committee

Approved – Akke Levin, Ben Miller, Chandeni Gill and Dianne Drinkwater for a three year term ending June 2017

Sections

Approved **Bankruptcy Law Section** One year term ending August 2015

Chair: Ogonna Atamoh

Vice Chair: Scott Fleming

Secretary: James Leavitt

Treasurer: Robert Charles

Approved **Appellate Litigation Section** One year term ending September 2015

Chair: Marla Hudgens

Chair Elect: Seth Floyd

Secretary: Jordan Smith

Treasurer: Joel Henriod

Discipline Panels

Approved - Reappointment of Daniel Ivie for a three year term ending October 2017 to Southern Discipline Panel

Approved – Appointment of Christopher Lalli and Nicholas Miller for a three term commencing October

2014 to Southern Discipline Panel

Approved – Jeff Posin, Chair of Southern Discipline Panel effective September 2014. George Kelesis, Vice Chair of Southern Discipline Panel effective September 2014

Approved – Appointment of Ann Osborne Hall for a three term effective October 2014 to Northern Discipline Panel. Ryan Works abstained from voting.

Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee Approved reappointment for a three year term:

Name	Regional Panel	Effective Date
Raymond McKay	LVC	September 2014
Tamer Botros	LVB	October 2014
E. Brent Bryson	LVC	October 2014
Margaret Crowley	Reno	October 2014
Philip Dabney	LVA	October 2014
Bryan Dixon	LVC	October 2014
Robert Ebinger	LVB	October 2014
Kurt Faux	LVB	October 2014
Philip Gerson	LVC	October 2014
Katherine Gordon	LVC	October 2014
Jack Hegeduis	LVC	October 2014
James Laughton	Reno	October 2014
Keith Loomis	Reno	October 2014
Augusta Massey	LVC	October 2014
David Morris	Reno	October 2014
Jill Northway	LVC	October 2014
Karen Pearl	Reno	October 2014
Jeremiah Pendleton	LVB	October 2014
Brandon Phillips	LVA	October 2014
E. Paul Richitt	LVB	October 2014
Lawrence Rouse	LVB	October 2014
Tom Tanksley	LVB	October 2014
Ronald Warren	Carson City	October 2014
Sandra Wilson	Reno	October 2014
Jarold Young	Reno	October 2014

Approved for appointment for a three year term:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Regional Panel</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	Other Committees, Boards, Panels, & Organizations
Kristofer Leavitt	LVA	September 2014	N/A
Alex LeVeque	LVB	September 2014	Probate & Trust Section Litigation Section
Lynn Vaughn	LVC	September 2014	Real Estate Section

TIP Mentors

Upon confirmation there is no private or public discipline, reappointment of the following attorneys for a two year term effective July 2014.

Scott M.	Abbott	Rew R.	Goodenow	Jonathan B.	Owens
Danae K.	Adams	Ross	Goodman	Taleen R.	Pandukht
Robert M.	Adams	Harvey	Gruber	Amy	Parks
John	Albrecht	Mark H.	Gunderson	Kathleen M.	Paustian
John P.	Aldrich	Bruce	Hahn	Jim	Penrose
Cynthia	Alexander	Kevin	Hahn	C. Nicholas	Pereos
Betsy	Allen	Bill C.	Hammer	Kirsty	Pickering
Jack	Angaran	Alycia	Hansen	Daniel F.	Polsenberg
Peter M.	Angulo	Joseph	Hardy	Frank M.	Ponticello
Karl W.	Armstrong	Sarah	Hardy-Cooper	Jeff	Posin
Shea A.	Backus	Richard A.	Harris	Maizie	Pusich
ElizaBeth	Beyer	Marjorie L.	Hauf	Paul C.	Ray
Shirley	Blazich	Scott	Hoffman	Nathan	Reinmiller
I. Scott	Bogatz	Eric D.	Hone	Andrew	Rempfer
Kurt	Bonds	Virginia L.	Hunt	Mark F.	Roach
Jeff	Braun		Jenkins	Jennifer	Roberts
Darren	Brenner	Caren	(Cafferata)	Miriam E.	Rodriguez
Michael R.	Brooks	Matthew L.	Johnson	Luis J.	Rojas
Laura	Browning	Brad M.	Johnston	Michael D.	Rounds
Michael E	Buckley	Tamela L.	Kahle	Kim G.	Rowe
Barbara E.	Buckley	Edward	Kainen	Jeffrey Todd	Rue
Rebecca L.	Burton	Jerry	Kaufman	David N.	Salmon
Susan	Bush	Todd E.	Kennedy	Robert M.	Salyer
Jonathan	Callister	Bitu	Khamsi	Nicholas	Santoro
Thomas	Carroll	Kevin P.	King	M. Nelson	Segel
Tom	Christensen	Brian	Kochevar	Michael	Shannon
Dawn M.	Cica	John	Krieger	F. DeArmond	Sharp
John T.	Clark	Thomas F.	Kummer	Randal D.	Shimon
Barry E.	Clarkson	Andre	Lagomarsino	Jim C.	Shirley
Justin	Clouser	Robert S.	Larsen	John	Shook
Aileen E.	Cohen	Jacquelyn	Leleu	James	Smyth
Richard F.	Cornell	Allen	Lichtenstein	David	Stephens
Lucinda L.	Coumou	Bryan A.	Lowe	Cindy Lee	Stock
		Charlie	Luh	Jason P.	Stoffel

Frank John	Coumou	Benjamin	Lund	Steven E.	Tackes
Andrew	Craner	Keith M.	Lyons, Jr.	Paul	Taggart
Trina M.	Dahlin	Robert C.	Maddox	Eric K.	Taylor
Jill C.	Davis	John B.	Marcin	Seetal	Tejura
Adam	Davis	Daniel	Marks	William B.	Terry
Alex	DeCastroverde	Leah	Martin	E. Alan	Tiras
Mary Anne	Decaria	Michael L.	Matuska	Janet	Traut
John P.	Desmond	Kathleen H.	McConnell	Erika Pike	Turner
Kevin	Diamond	Robert	McCoy	Travis K.	Twitchell
Joshua M.	Dickey	David	McElhinney	William R.	Urga
Blake	Doerr	Leon	Mead	Michael C.	Van
Thomas E.	Drendel	David Gene	Menchetti	Cassell	von Baeyer
Peter	Dubowsky	Michele	Mercer	Michael K.	Wall
Benjamin	Durham	David J.	Merrill	Kristina	Weller
Tracee	Duthie	Paul	Michaelson	Darren J.	Welsh
Bryce	Earl	Lane	Mills	Kristina	Wildeveld
John ("Tim")	Fattig	Billie-Marie	Morrison	Karie	Wilson
Kurt	Faux	David J.	Mortensen	David J.	Winterton
Thomas H.	Fell	John H.	Mowbray	Shayne	Wulterin
Andrew	Gabriel	Farhan	Naqvi	Mace	Yampolsky
Rhea	Gertken	Rochelle	Nguyen	Tina	Yan
William R.	Ginn	Andrea	Nichols	Loren S.	Young
		Michael A.	Olsen	Brian F.	Zimmerman
		David	Olshan		

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Approved for a two year term ending September 2016:

Ms. Akke Levin

Ms. Michelle Hoffman

Approval of the following volunteers for reappointment to a two year term.

Alan Freer Effective February 2014

Joseph Garin Effective July 2014

Paul Hejmanowski Effective July 2014

Brett Kandt Effective July 2014

Brad Richardson Effective August 2014

Gregory Shannon Effective February 2014

Approval of the following Slate of Officers for a two year term effective September 2014.

Joseph Garin – Chair

Shawn Harpen – Vice Chair

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Email Vote, October 17, 2014

Via an email vote on October 17, 2014, with a quorum voting, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve changing the name of the Legal Assistant Division of the State Bar of Nevada to the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Nevada.