

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on March 15, 2006, at the State Bar Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The following members were in attendance:

Vincent A. Consul	...	President
Rew R. Goodenow	...	President-Elect
Nancy L. Alf	...	Vice President
Ann Price McCarthy	...	Immediate Past President
Constance L. Akridge		
Bruce T. Beesley		
James Bradshaw		
Kathleen J. England		
Cam Ferenbach		
Francis Flaherty		
Dara J. Goldsmith		
Gregory J. Kamer		
Bradley L. Kenny		
Richard Morgan		
Bridget Robb Peck (by telephone)		
Bryan K. Scott		
William C. Turner		
Robert W. Witek		

STATE BAR STAFF PRESENT:

Allen W. Kimbrough

Rob Bare

Marc Mersol

Gale Skala

GUESTS PRESENT:

Stephanie Allen

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:40 a.m. and a quorum was declared. Mr. Consul welcomed the Board to the meeting and recognized new Board member Bryan K. Scott, who was attending his first meeting.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board agreed that the following items should be removed from the list of Consent Items: 2, 4, and 7. The remainder of the Consent Items were accepted or approved unanimously, as follows:

3. Report of Director of Finance and Information Systems
  
5. Report of Gaming Law Section
  
6. Report of State Bar Delegate to ABA House of Delegates
  
8. Appointments to Clients' Security Fund Committee

John Shook was reappointed to a term ending March 2009.

9. Appointments to Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

Vincent Mayo was appointed as a mediator on Las Vegas Panel A for a term ending March 2009.

Jeffrey J. Kump was reappointed as Chair of the Rural Panel for a term ending March 2007.

10. Appointments to Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee

The following persons were appointed to terms ending March, 2009: Damon Dias, Marisa Guarino, and Lawrence Mitten.

The following persons were reappointed to terms ending March 2009: Gerald Welt, M. Nelson Segel, and Thomas Susich.

11. Report of Director of Admissions

12. Report of Director of Operations and Education

**3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 25 MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The word “nad” was changed to “and” in Section 2, number 5 on page 1. The word “aappointments” was changed to “appointments” in the heading of Section 4. The word “he” was changed to “the” in Section 13.

With those revisions, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. REPORT OF YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION**

Stephanie Allen, a member of the Section’s Executive Committee reported on the activities of the Young Lawyers Section and responded to questions regarding same.

The Board discussed whether the Chair of the YLS should serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, and it was agreed that this issue would be placed on the agenda for May 10. In connection therewith, the YLS was asked to survey other state bars to ascertain what their practices were in this area.

**5. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO DISCIPLINARY BOARDS**

Bruce Leslie was reappointed to the Southern Board for a term ending May 10, 2009. The following persons were appointed as attorney alternates to the Southern Board for terms ending March 2009:

Michael Villani

Douglas Brooks

Joshua Dickey

Robert Schumacher

Thomas Ryan

Christopher Laurent

Craig Mueller

Bruce Shapiro was appointed as an attorney alternate to the Southern Board for a term ending December 2006.

The following persons were appointed as attorney alternates to the Northern Board for terms ending March 2009:

Kathleen Price

Caryn Tijsseling

Bruce Hahn

Michael Johnson

Douglas Rands

Clark Vellis

Edward Bernard

G. David Robertson

Mr. Beesley abstained as to Ms. Tijsseling and Ms. Akridge as to Mr. Vellis.

Kathleen Price and Caryn Tijsseling were re-designated to the primary attorney panel with Mr. Beesley abstaining.

**6. CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO FAMILY LAW SECTION**

The Board considered the Section's request for the carryover of its surplus funds from 2005 to 2006. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. In the discussion that followed the Board expressed concerns about being consistent with the declination of carry-overs by other sections.

Following the discussion the Board approved the carryover and the Section's 2006 Budget.

Upon a motion for reconsideration of the Board's December, 2005 vote, the Board granted a carryover to the Gaming Law Section.

Upon a further motion for consideration, the Board granted a carryover to the Legal Assistants Division.

The Executive Director was asked to formulate a policy regarding the operations and finances of the sections and present it to the Board at the May 10 meeting.

**7. CONSIDER ENDORSEMENT OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES BY STATE BAR LEADERSHIP**

Further discussion of this matter was postponed to the May 10 meeting.

**8. CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO SUPREME COURT STUDY COMMITTEE ON LAWYER ADVERTISING**

The Board was provided the draft ADKT Petition and report prepared by the SCLA and a general discussion ensued. The Board determined that consideration of the proposals contained in the report be postponed to the May 10 meeting in order to give Board members more opportunity to review them in depth and to provide written comments if desired. Sharepoint (accessed from the State Bar website) would be the medium for such review and comment.

**9. REPORT OF BAR COUNSEL**

Mr. Bare and Ms. Akridge reported to the Board on the State Bar/Clark County Bar Professionalism Summit to be held on April 20, including the presentation of the Lloyd D. George Professionalism Award to Judge George.

The Board approved the resignation of Jonathan Hubbell.

Mr. Bare gave a status report on the *Collette* matter and reviewed the current statistical report with the Board.

**10. CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO FEE DISPUTE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE**

Luke Puschnig, Chair of the Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee, appeared before the Board with a request from the Committee that participation in the fee dispute arbitration process be made mandatory. Mr. Puschnig was given permission to bring a proposal back to the Board at its May 10 meeting.

**11. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kimbrough supplemented his written report and responded to questions.

In Executive Session the Board discussed pending and threatened litigation with the Executive Director and Bar Counsel.

The Board approved the suspension of Douglas Donald Law for failure to pay bar dues and fees.

**12. REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT**

As Board Liaison to the *Nevada Lawyer* Editorial Board, Ms. Allf requested feedback from the Board of Governors regarding the look and content of the magazine. She also advised the Board that a survey of the magazine's readership would be conducted prior to the Editorial Board's scheduled planning retreat.

**13. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Mr. Goodenow requested that Board members advised him of their preferences regarding service on Board committees and in liaison assignments.

He also advised the Board that his agenda for the 2006-2007 bar year would focus on the following issues:

1. "Nevada Plan" being proposed by the Supreme Court
2. Long Range Planning
3. Professionalism

**15. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Consul discussed the J.A.I.L. initiative currently pending in South Dakota and its potential implications for Nevada. He referred the Board to written information contained in the agenda materials for further information.

He additionally discussed plans for the 2006 Annual Meeting and fundraising efforts with respect to same and requested the Board's assistance with same.

Mr. Consul also addressed the Nevada Plan and the Bar's role in its potential enactment

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent A. Consul

President

Allen W. Kimbrough

Executive Director