



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
January 24, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on January 24, 2008 at the Law Library of the Supreme Court in Carson City, NV at 9: 15 a.m.

**The following members were in attendance:**

Nancy Alf, President  
Bruce Beesley, President-Elect  
Kathleen England, Vice President  
Connie Akridge  
James Bradshaw  
Larry Digesti  
Cam Ferenbach  
Francis Flaherty  
Gregg Kamer  
Bryan Scott  
John White  
Robert Witek  
Jeremy Reichenberg

**State Bar Staff Present:**

Rob Bare  
Christopher Boadt  
David Clark  
Patrice Eichman  
Kimberly Farmer  
Marc Mersol  
Gale Skala

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Allf at 9:15 a.m. and a quorum was declared.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS**

The following Consent Agenda items were accepted or approved unanimously by the Board of Governors, as follows:

Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2007

Report of Director of Admissions

Report of Director of Operations and Education

Report of Director of Finance

Report of Fee Dispute Committee/Clients' Security Fund

It was moved, seconded and approved to reappoint the following members to an additional three – year term on the Fee Dispute Committee commencing January 2008.

Robert Gerard	Las Vegas Panel B
Halina Jones	Las Vegas Panel B
Archie McRimmon Jr.	Las Vegas Panel B

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint James Copenhaver to the rural panel for a three-year term on the Fee Dispute committee commencing January 2008.

Report of the Young Lawyer's Section (YLS)

Jeremy Reichenberg was present and shared the YLS report. Jeremy discussed speakers and events schedule for the Midyear meeting. The Midyear meeting is scheduled for February 23 at the UNLV Boyd School of Law from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Connie Akridge suggested contacting the local County Bars to get a list of people who should be invited to the Midyear meeting. Kathy England emphasized how important she believes it is to have a member of the YLS on various committees, i.e. CLE committee. Jeremy Reichenberg thought it would be important to put information about the YLS and also for the YLS on the State Bar website.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Midyear Meeting

Bruce Beesley shared the highlights and schedule for the Midyear meeting. Kathy England will contact Shelly Berkeley to inquire about her availability to speak at the meeting.

Nevada Lawyer

Connie Akridge shared with the Board an advertisement issue with the Nevada Lawyer; and her concern that the Nevada Lawyer editorial committee reviewing ads. Kathy England agreed that it is important to separate the editorial review from the advertisement policy. Bruce Beesley would like the Board to investigate what the policy is for the Editorial Board. Kimberly Farmer reminded the Board that we are in the process of hiring a publications manager and that the manager could review all Nevada Lawyer polices. Bruce Beesley requested that Chris Boadt send the present Editorial policy to the Board members.

### Bylaws

Cam Ferenbach shared the status of the work on the committee. The committee's goal is to develop a document of policies and use the bylaws for the Supreme Court Rules.

### Compensation Committee

Gregg Kamer provided a review of the State Bar's employment manual and conducted a spot check of staff employment files. Mr. Kamer suggests that a few minor changes will need to be made in the employee handbook but overall the employee handbook is a good document and employee files are handled appropriately.

### Investment Committee

Connie Akridge indicated that the committee plans to explore the best solution for long term investments using a wealth manager. It was moved, seconded and approved to charge the Executive Committee with approving Investment Committee recommendations for a wealth manager. A subsequent email will then be sent to the Board for a final vote

## **4. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

### Rate Search

David Clark gave a status report on the Rate Search investigation.

### Board Liaison to the Supreme Court Study Committee on Indigent Defense

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Larry Digesti to the Supreme Court Study Committee on Indigent Defense.

### Pro Bono Assessment

Ms. Alf indicated that Justice Hardesty has asked the Board to consider a mandatory assessment to our members of \$100 to be given to legal services agencies for pro bono services. Bruce Beesley explained Justice Hardesty's rationale behind the request. After discussion, the Board took no action.

### Amicus Brief by ACLU

The Board discussed the ACLU request to sign on to the ACLU Amicus Brief appealing several juveniles transfer for prosecution to criminal court. Because of the short time to review and respond to this matter the Board took no action.

### 2008 Annual Meeting

Nancy Alf gave highlights of the 2008 annual meeting in Santa Barbara. It was moved, seconded and approved to have a \$10,000 budget for a retirement celebration for Justice William Maupin at the annual meeting with the event chaired by Kathy England.

### Emeritus Attorney ADKT

Rob Bare discussed the highlights of the proposed Emeritus Attorney Program ADKT petition that the Access to Justice Commission would like the State Bar to submit. The Access to Justice Commission plans to discuss the ADKT at their February 1, 2008 meeting. The final draft will be presented to the

Board at their March meeting for approval. Patrice Eichman suggested that a copy of the ADKT be given to the Board of Bar Examiners.

**5. REPORT OF PRESIDENT ELECT**

Bruce Beesley discussed the recent meeting with the Nevada Law Foundation (NLF) chair and executive director. The goal of the Board is to see the NLF accomplish the steps in the action plan to maximize IOLTA funds.

**6. REPORT OF DEPUTY BAR COUNSEL/GENERAL COUNSEL**

David Clark discussed highlights of the general counsel report. It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the proposed ADKT that amends SCR 81. This petition would set the distribution of the Board of Governors as it currently stands; and removes the requirement to reallocate the Board distribution based on population every four years.

**7. REPORT OF BAR COUNSEL**

Rob Bare covered the highlights of the report of Bar Counsel.

It was moved, seconded and approved to reappoint Bernard Zadrowski as Vice Chair commencing February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

It was moved, seconded and approved to reappoint the following attorneys and non-attorneys to the Southern Disciplinary Board for a three year term commencing January 31 2008.

Gary Branton  
Shelley Krohn  
Aurora Maskall  
Erin Beesley  
Hugh Conwell  
Michelle Gex  
Susan Krenzien  
John Sullivan

It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Bryan Cox to the Southern Disciplinary Board for a three year term commencing January 31,2008.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the resignations of the following attorneys.

William Zeigler  
Elizabeth Wachsman  
Jane Steckbeck

**8. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Kimberly Farmer discussed the highlights of her report including highlights of the Lawyer Referral System and Information Service (LRIS) Committee. The LRIS Committee approved a partnership program to offer member of the Clark County Bar Association a member benefit where CCBA members pay no general membership fee (\$50) to be on the LRIS. The partnership agreement is listed in her report. It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the LRIS partnership between the State Bar and Clark County Bar.

Ms. Farmer reviewed the qualifications for the available positions at the State Bar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.