



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES
August 31, 2022 – September 1, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on August 31 and September 1, 2022.

The following members were in attendance:

Paola Armeni, President
Richard Dreitzer, Vice President
Ann Morgan, Immediate Past President
Seth Adams
Jeffrey Albregts
Doug Clark
Andrew Craner
Catherine Mazzeo
Marisa Rodriguez
Kari Stephens
Brittnie Watkins
Alex Velto
Pat Leverty, via Zoom
Rick Trachok, Ex-Officio
Dean Leah Grinvald, Ex-Officio

State Bar staff present:

Manny Botello
Lisa Dreitzer
Kimberly Farmer
Dan Hooge

Guests

Pranava Moody
Connor Riddle
Alan Freer
Michael Buckley
Rob Kim

Anjali Webster
Deborah Westbrook
Ayesha Mehdi

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Paola Armeni called the meeting to order with a quorum present on August 31, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Ms. Armeni welcomed Board members and presented an overview of the Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Kimberly Farmer provided a presentation on the State Bar of Nevada's 2022 Member Benefits Survey. Key items garnered from this survey contributed to the strategic planning session

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

The Board reviewed the [State Bar's strategic plan](#), with a focus on the "three Cs:" community, communication, and commitment. They updated the plan to set key goals and measurables that are germane to the State Bar's mission, such as developing mentorship programs, engaging legal partners, and enhancing member engagement.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments:

TIP Mentors – three-year term beginning July 31, 2022. Kari Stephens and Alex Velto abstained from voting.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda. Alex Velto abstained from voting

ACTION

Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy

The Board discussed section legislative activities. They discussed the use of the voluntary section funds that may be used for section legislative initiatives. The Board also discussed the revised policy, Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy. The revisions to this policy clarify that section activities must be germane to the state bar's mission. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the updated Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy.

New Section – Creditors Rights Section

In keeping with the goal to provide services to members that are germane to the State Bar mission, it was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Creditors Rights Section contingent on the section amending their bylaws to be consistent with the updated Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy. With this approval, [the State Bar now has 27 sections](#) that provide their members with relevant education and networking opportunities.

REPORTS

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Doug Clark provided the Board with an overview of the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility's questions regarding remote practice. It was concluded that the Board should create a Taskforce to review the Supreme Court Rules as they relate to remote practice.

Financial Report

Kimberly Farmer presented a summary of the financial report as of July 31, 2022. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the financial report of July 3, 2022.

Office of Bar Counsel Report

Dan Hooze presented a summary of the activities handled by the Office of Bar Counsel including an overview of recent Supreme Court Orders and the OBC statistics.

Probate and Trust Section Legislative Proposal

Alan Freer presented a summary of the section's legislative proposal. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the legislative position taken by the section as the position by the section. The section shall include the disclaimer as outlined in the State Bar bylaws noting the legislative position is presented on behalf of the section only. The section was asked to submit the legislative checklist that appears in the revised Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy. Doug Clark abstained from voting.

Real Property Section Legislative Proposal

Michael Buckley presented a summary of the section's proposal. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the legislative position taken by the section as the position by the section. The section shall include the disclaimer as outlined in the State Bar bylaws noting the legislative position is presented on behalf of the section only. The section was asked to submit the legislative checklist that appears in the revised Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy.

Business Law Section Legislative Proposal

Robert Kim presented a summary of the section's proposal. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the legislative position taken by the section as the position by the section. The section shall include the disclaimer as outlined in the State Bar bylaws noting the legislative position is presented on behalf of the section only. The section was asked to submit the legislative checklist that appears in the revised Policy 8 Legislation & Public Policy.

Boyd School of Law Student Bar Association

Pranava Moody and Connor Riddle presented a summary of their experience at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Nevada Lawyer Editorial Board Report

Deborah Westbrook, chair of the *Nevada Lawyer* Editorial Board provided a report covering the Editorial Board's process to produce *Nevada Lawyer*. She discussed the role of the Board and its goal of ensuring content in *Nevada Lawyer* is germane to the mission of the State Bar.

Each editor is responsible for sourcing authors for articles. The Board frequently reaches out to bar sections, affinity bars, pro bono agencies, and the courts to recruit writers. She noted that a single issue takes about six months to produce. In addition to overseeing the magazine's content, the Editorial Board also tracks the magazine's ad sales and costs. She remarked that the Board is very proud of the fact that the magazine generates enough revenue from advertising to offset most of its costs.

Public Comments

Ayesha Mehdi gave the board an overview of the South Asian Bar Association of Las Vegas,

STRATEGIC PLAN

After review and discussion, it was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the revised strategic plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

President Paola Armeni called the meeting to order with a quorum present on September 1, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:20 a.m. and concluded the session at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS

Commission to Study the Administration of the Bar Examination and Licensing of Attorneys

Richard Trachok, chair of the Commission to Study the Administration of the Bar Examination and Licensing of Attorneys, provided an update on the commission's work. Trachok reported that their work involves considering revisions to the Nevada bar exam to create three aspects of the exam, including a multiple-choice exam covering foundational subjects, a Nevada performance essay test, and a supervised practice component. The commission will provide a report to the Nevada Supreme Court in November 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

VIA EMAIL VOTE ON OCTOBER 8, 2022

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to give the Griffin Company the following options regarding their lease -- tenant Subleases the space, or tenant pays rent until the space is leased. The new tenant's term must be no less than the term the Griffin Company has under their lease. Joel Locke abstained from voting.

VIA EMAIL VOTE ON OCTOBER 20, 2022

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the Amicus Brief as submitted by the Family Law Section in the matter Alexander M. Falconi vs. Clark County Eighth Judicial District Court and the Honorable Charles J. Hoskin, District Judge, and Troy A. Minter and Jennifer R. Easler. The Amicus Brief must include an introduction to the brief stating the section is speaking on its own behalf and not on behalf of the State Bar.

"This position is being presented only on behalf of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada. This position should not be construed as representing the position of the Board of Governors or the general membership of the State Bar. The Family Law Section is a voluntary section composed of lawyers practicing in family law."