

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
State Bar of Nevada – Construction Law Section
May 16, 2012 and May 30, 2012

Location of Meeting: Telephonic

Present at Meeting: Andrea Pressler, Debra Pieruschka, Michael Kimmel, and Evangelin Lee

I. Treasurer's Report

- A. Balance: through April 2012 the balance is \$16,094.23.
- B. Lewis & Roca LLP requested reimbursement for the food provided at the Las Vegas and Reno general membership meetings held on August 22, 2011 and January 11, 2012 in the amount of \$581.09.
- C. Paul Matteoni sent a reimbursement request for hotel expenses for one night for the State Bar of Nevada Annual Meeting.
- D. Lori Wolk sent the Board a new reimbursement request form on May 17, 2012.

II. Subcommittees

A. *General Membership Meeting*

- i. The next general meeting will be held on July 18, 2012.
- ii. Debra reminded the board that the membership must be given thirty days notice regarding the general meeting per the bylaws.
- iii. Andrea met with Linda at Litigation Services regarding the general membership meeting in Las Vegas and Reno to be held on July 18, 2012. Linda said that it would be no problem. Cost information to follow.
- iv. Raffle prices discussed to increase attendance. A \$65 limit for gift certificates set for each location. Prizes contemplated were movie tickets and restaurant gift cards. Evie to purchase the raffle prizes for the Southern Nevada meeting and Andrea to purchase the raffle prizes for the Northern Nevada meeting.

B. *Publications - Newsletter*

- i. Debra has been working with Dee Golightly, the chairperson for the newsletter. Dee requested an email list of the section membership. The most recent list previously available to us was from December 2011 when we had 207 members. Debra has cleaned up the membership e-mail list to add current members and to remove non-members.
- ii. Dee and Debra sent an email to the membership with a call for article submissions for the summer issue of the section newsletter. The current submission deadline is July 1, 2012; however, the membership was advised that Dee may announce an earlier cut-off date if enough submissions are received.
- iii. Debra and Dee collectively received about seven or eight article submissions in response to the May email blast.

- iv. Debra has not heard back from her request for assistance from the State Bar on publishing the newsletter. Debra will follow up with Lori Wolk.

C. *ABA Construction Law Forum*

- i. Debra received a scholarship to attend the ABA Forum on the Construction Meeting Annual Conference held at the Bellagio in April.
- ii. The Welcome Reception for the Forum was co-hosted by the Construction Law Section. Debra and Evie met with David Theising, Esq. from the ABA Forum on Construction.
- iii. Debra mentioned that in addition to construction law, the presentations focused on project delivery systems to assist clients on practical project management and other issues.
- iv. Debra would like to strengthen the relationship between the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada with the ABA Forum on Construction Industry.
- v. Andrea suggested that the Board contact David Theising and/or local construction attorney and ABA member Melissa Beutler to let them know about the July general membership meeting and to touch base on future events in Las Vegas for possible collaboration.

D. *Survey*

- i. Andrea asked Richard Scotti if he could attend the July general membership meeting and possibly provide an update on the survey results. Richard said that he would attend the meeting.
- ii. Andrea will follow up in general regarding the survey results.

E. *Committee Clarification*

- i. Andrea asked Mike to draft a proposed amendment to the bylaws prior to the July membership meeting to clarify committee classifications. Andrea will work with Mike on this as she has her own notes from a previous Board meeting where the committee classifications were discussed. Essentially, this involves a renaming of committees and adding titles intended to increase interest and participation by section members.

F. *Annual Meeting*

- i. Paul Matteoni and Caryn Tijsseling's written materials for the presentation with Justice Hardesty have been prepared.
- ii. Andrea and Debra confirmed that they are attending the Annual Meeting on behalf of the Section. Andrea may do the introductions for the Section presentation.

III. Other Items

A. *New Business*

- i. None.

B. *Next Board Meeting:* June 13, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.