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# MINUTES

January 24, 2025

**Attendance.** After being duly noticed, the following members of the Executive Committee (Committee), constituting a quorum pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws (as approved May 9, 2001, amended October 18, 2006, July 9, 2014, and June 21, 2023), participated in a telephonic only meeting on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.: Jeffrey R. Rodefer, Chair; P. Gregory Giordano, Vice Chair; Erin Barnett; Michael Brunet; Bruce Leslie; Erica L. Okerberg; Maren Parry; Jennifer Roberts; and Scott Scherer. Also attending from the State Bar of Nevada was Sonja Finley-Tratos, CLE Manager and Claudia Mason, Outreach & Programs Manager.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED.**

1. **Review and Approve the Minutes of October 22, 2024.** After reviewing a draft of the minutes, the Committee, upon a motion made by Maren Parry and duly seconded by Greg Giordano, unanimously approved the Minutes of October 22, 2024.
2. **2024 Gaming Law Conference.** The Committee was provided with a final reconciliation for the *2024 Gaming Law Conference* showing that the Gaming Law Section realized a net profit of \$20,181.02. The Committee was also provided with a comparative analysis of the conference's numbers from 2017 through 2024, as well as the results of the conference survey, which was completed by 33 of the attendees, with mostly positive comments on the substance of the panels and the venue. The Committee discussed the event and Bruce Leslie noted that the comments were generally constructive and there was no need to be concerned with or apologize for a few negative remarks about the set up at the Palms Casino Resort.

Sonja Finely-Tratos informed the Committee that the set up in the Moon room was tight due to the fact that the Bar staff needed to inform the Palms 30 days prior to the conference about the expected headcount. At that time, the staff estimated the attendance would be 150 since only 70-80 were registered in early November. However, the majority of registrations were realized in the final 2 to 3-week period prior to the conference bringing the headcount to 185. In turn, the venue had to try and reconfigure the room at the last minute to accommodate more tables. Sonja further stated that in the future the Palms could extend

the seating area out over the steps toward the bar and elevators to bring the total capacity for the room to a maximum of 200.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed to have Sonja contact with the Palms regarding the availability of the Moon room on Friday, December 5, 2025, and reconfiguring it to seat 200.

3. Discuss Law Student Members. The Committee was reminded that in June 2023 the bylaws were amended, at the Board of Governors request to all sections, to address, among other items, law students joining the section without cost. Jennifer Roberts inquired about the responsibilities of the students. Jeff Rodefer indicated that the law students should have meaningful role, including assisting with securing advertisers for the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer* magazine and sponsors for the conference. Jennifer suggested the 5-6 law students expressing interest in joining the section could potentially fill a sub-committee, entitled the Marketing Committee.
4. Discussion – Nevada Gaming Lawyer (2025 edition). Continuing with the discussion from above, Erica Okerberg asked if there was going to be a magazine published this year? Jeff responded that we would need to know the progress of securing advertisers no later than late March or early April to meet the other deadlines for the publication. Given the ongoing budgetary constraints, he emphasized the importance for the magazine's revenues covering its publication costs or being significantly closer to breaking even. In turn, the Committee would probably need to meet again in the next month or two to discuss the status of advertisers and begin, if practicable, the process of producing the magazine again. Scott Scherer felt that the magazine was consistent with the section's mission of further educating the members of the bar and judiciary in the area of gaming regulation. As such, he stated that the magazine should be published again this year.

The Committee briefly addressed potential articles for the publication, including an individual to be featured on the cover this year. Jeff mentioned there were probably a few articles that could be secured, such as interview articles with new regulators, update on the 2025 Legislative session, and a regulatory article from Luke Rippee at the Nevada Gaming Control Board. He also mentioned to Scott having one of the panelists from the cybersecurity panel at the *2024 Gaming Law Conference* writing an article geared more toward the basics of cybersecurity for the gaming industry. Scott stated he would inquire. The Committee was also provided with the guidelines and due dates for articles and ads.

5. Initial Discussion – 2025 Gaming Law Conference. Pending Sonja's follow-up with the Palms, the tentative date for the conference would be December 5<sup>th</sup>. Jeff indicated that the following panels should be included again for the conference, which would leave 3 hours to fill:
  - (1 hour) Regulator Roundtable
  - (1 hour) Responsible Gaming
  - (2 hours) Ethics

He further indicated that a 2025 Legislative Update panel coordinated by Virginia Valentine may be possible and appropriate leaving 2 hours to fill. Bruce Leslie stated he would discuss the ethics presentation with Professor Jeff Stemple. Jennifer stated she could look into organizing a panel on gaming history. Erin Barnett suggested a compliance panel with industry representatives discussing how to respond to specific gaming hypotheticals and would explore its possibility.

The Committee briefly discussed who to target for the keynote lunch address. Jeff reminded everyone that the Committee suggested last year having someone from the Oakland A's speak, but he indicated that their general counsel preferred to reconsider it in 2025. Maren stated she could follow-up with the A's. If that was not successful, Jennifer suggested Jim Murren as an alternate choice.

6. Other Items of Interest/New Business. No other items of interest or new business were raised for discussion.
7. Adjourn. With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

DATED 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

State Bar of Nevada  
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