



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES
June 22, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on June 22, 2022.

The following members were in attendance:

Ann Morgan, President
Paola Armeni, President-Elect
Julie Cavanaugh Bill, Vice President
Eric Dobberstein, Immediate Past President
Seth Adams
Jeffrey Albregts
Doug Clark
Terry Coffing
Andrew Craner
Richard Dreitzer
Gene Leverty
Joel Locke
Catherine Mazzeo
Marisa Rodriguez
Kari Stephens
Brittnie Watkins
Rick Trachok, Ex-Officio

State Bar staff present:

Manny Botello
Lisa Dreitzer
Kimberly Farmer
Dean Gould
Dan Hooge
Marc Mersol
Gale Skala
Jennifer Smith-Pulsipher
Louise Watson

Guests

Kendra Bertschy
Mary Bacon
Assemblymen David Orentlicher
Russ Marsh
Eric Stovall

Christopher Lalli,
Dana Oswalt
Kendra Bertschy
Andrew Chiu
Joan Howard

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ann Morgan called the meeting to order with a quorum present on June 22, 2022, at 8:45 am.

Ms. Morgan welcomed Board members to 2022 Annual Meeting. Ms. Morgan presented an overview of the Board meeting and the conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Kimberly Farmer provided a presentation that introduced the staff of the State Bar of Nevada and outlined notable accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Sections Legislative Checklist was pulled from the consent agenda. It was moved, seconded, and carried to table the Sections Legislative Checklist. With this change it was moved, seconded, and carried to approve consent agenda items noted below.

- Minutes, January 5 and 6, 2022
- Resignations
- Contracts
 - ILG Exam 30
 - ACS Ventures
 - Hartford Insurance
 - LaJolla Beach Club
 - JW Marriott Essex House
- Suspensions
- Revisions – MCLE Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Audit Program
- ADR Bylaw Revisions
- ADR Section: Secretary- Fran Fine
- Gaming Law Section: Vice Chair-P. Gregory Giordano, Member-Jamie K. Black, Member-Maren Parry, Member-Jennifer Roberts
- Labor & Employment Section: Treasurer- Andrew Craner
- Young Lawyers Section: Chair-Bronagh Kelly, Vice Chair-Kristen Matteoni

EDUCATION

Dan Hooge provided a presentation outlining the lawyer discipline process. In this presentation Mr. Hooge continued to emphasize the Office of Bar Counsel's (OBC) goal of protecting the public by ensuring the discipline process operates in an efficient and consistent manner.

Discipline Board chairs, panel members and OBC staff joined the meeting via Zoom. They discussed the process of assigning panel members, how panel members ensure consistency from one matter to the next and training of panel members. This discussion accentuated the importance of the state bar's duties to the public, attorneys, and the legal system.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments:

Discipline Panels – three-year term beginning July 31, 2022

Annette Bradley, Matthew Fox, Adam Garth, Angela Guingcangco, Franklin Katschke, Michael Rawlins, Africa Sanchez, Rita Greggio, Alan Lefebvre, Arthur Mallory, Emily Meibert, Nancy Porter, Lindsay Ager, Justin Alper, Craig Friedel, Eric Kohli, Rick Mula, Adam Pernsteiner, Esther Rodriguez, Robert Schmidt, Elody Tignor, Amber White-Davidson, Aaron Stanton

Board of Bar Examiners- three-year term beginning October 1, 2022. Gene Leverty abstained from voting

Dean Gould
Eileen O’Grady
Janine Prupas
Kendra Bertschy

Character and Fitness Committee- three-year term beginning October 1, 2022

John Bailey, Chair

Clients’ Security Fund-three-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Chair, Brigid Higgins
Vice-Chair, John Naylor
Danna Dwiggin
Chris Cannon
Suzanne Warren

Fee Dispute-three-year term. Seth Adams abstained from voting.

Justin Alper
Angela Guingcangco
Daniel Laird
Kathryn Newman
Eric Pepperman
Alexander LeVeque, Regional Chair
Roi Moas, Regional Chair
Dane Anderson, Regional Chair

Lawyer Advertising Advisory Committee-two-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Adriana Fralick
Alicia May
Brock Ohlson
Justin Watkins
Lynnel Reyes

ACTION

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Fees

Seth Adams presented an overview covering options for CLE fees. In this discussion the Board evaluated the fee structure for state bar CLE programs. Specifically, the Board considered whether to eliminate fees for its CLE programs.

The state bar regularly offers free CLE programs in the subjects of diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as substance abuse/mental health. State bar sections also offer free or discounted CLE programs. In the first half of 2022 the state bar offered two free wellbeing CLE programs.

In keeping with the mission of the state bar, it was moved, seconded, and carried to offer select CLE programs at no charge. The programs will be provided mid-year. At a minimum four free CLEs annually:

- Two programs on diversity, equity, and inclusion seminars
- Two substance abuse/mental health seminars.

Personal Injury Specialization Recertification Extension

Gene Leverty presented an overview of the Nevada Justice Association (NJA) request pertaining to Personal Injury Specialization (PI Specialization) Recertification. The NJA sought:

- An extension of the time for NJA to recertify as the organization offering the PI Specialization. This will allow the NJA to make changes to the PI Specialization rules.
- A 12-month extension for those who have not yet certified as PI specialists.

To safeguard the public by ensuring the PI Specialization program is managed effectively and PI specialists are properly recertified it was moved, seconded, and carried to:

- Provide an extension of the time, through November 2022, for the NJA to recertify as the organization managing the PI Specialization program. That the NJA is to revise the PI specialization rules to obtain recertification approval.
- A 6-month extension for Richard Harris to recertify as a PI specialist.

ADKT In the Matter of Amendments to SCR 51.5

Rick Trachok and Dean Gould discussed the draft ADKT seeking to amend SCR 51.5 and Addendum 2 to eliminate the Functional Equivalency Committee and modify the process for certifying functional equivalency.

The Board thought this proposed rule change was necessary to ensure the admissions process adequately protected the public. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the proposed ADKT seeking to amend SCR 51.5 and Addendum 2.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following appointments:

Mock Trial Committee- two-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Lisa Bruce
Sandra DiGiacomo
John Giordani
Edmund Gorman
Kimberley Hyson
Emily Strand
Shannon Wise
Chair, Andrew Chiu

Nevada Lawyer Editorial Board-three-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Richard Hy	Laura Tucker
Anna Karabachev	Deborah Westbrook
Larry Macauley	Chair, Deborah Westbrook
Michael Morton	Chair-Elect, Patty Walsh
Kristen Simmons	Vice-Chair, Michael Morton
Steve Smith	Immediate Past President, Laura Tucker

TIP Standing Committee- two-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Andrea Nichols
Kristy Pickering
Richard Galin
Jay Siegel

Nevada Bar Foundation -two-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Patricia Halstead

Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility-two-year term beginning July 1, 2022

Melissa Brown
Amanda Hunt
Asher Killian
Dan Laird
Joel Selik
Chair, Randolph Makoto Fielder-one-year term beginning September 2022
Vice Chair, Melissa Brown- one-year term beginning September 2022

Lawyer Representatives of the District Court of Nevada-three-term beginning August 2022

Northern District, Adam Hosmer-Henner
Southern District, Leslie Nino Piro

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 1:00 pm and concluded the session at 1:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION

Assembly Bill 243

Mary Bacon presented key points regarding the Assembly Bill No. 243. She and Assemblyman David Orentlicher provided the Board with specifics of the Bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered Executive Session at 2:00 pm and concluded the session at 2:30 p.m.

Upon return from the Executive Session, it was moved and seconded to support Assembly Bill 243. Motion failed.

REPORTS

Financial Report

Marc Mersol presented a summary of the financial report as of April 30, 2022. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the financial report of April 2022.

Mr. Mersol provided a report covering a five-year projection for expenses and revenue for the state bar. Mr. Mersol highlighted that currently the state bar is in a very strong position (cash and cash equivalents holdings).

Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Report

Kari Stephens presented an update on the recent activities of the DEI Committee including the results of the Let's Talk Summit on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Ms. Stephens also provided an overview of recent visits that many Board members made to local law firms to discuss DEI.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the following slate of officers to the Board of Governors commencing June 24, 2022.

President: Paola Armeni

President-Elect: Julie Cavanaugh-Bill

Vice President: Richard Dreitzer

CONGRATULATIONS 2022-2023 PRESIDENT, PAOLA ARMENI

Professor Joan Howard from UNLV Boyd School of Law congratulated Paola Armeni as the first Boyd graduate to become President of the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Email Vote July 8, 2022

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the lease terms as presented and to approve the lease agreement with The Griffin Company to lease suite 208 at the state bar main office, 3100 West Charleston.

Terry Coffing, Patrick Leverty, Joel Locke and Alex Velto abstained from voting.