



**Public Lawyer's Section 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.
Bally's Hotel and Casino – South Lake Tahoe**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Bradley at 8:31 a.m.

II. Chair Report

Chair Sarah Bradley shared information from the Nevada State Bar Conference in New York City.

Secretary Michael Oh stated that a committee will be formed by the Public Lawyer's Section to create a strategic plan for the Section and to develop the Mission Statement to align with the goals of the State Bar's Strategic Plan.

Summary provided Board of Governor Marisa Rodriguez and State Bar President Holly Parker on the State Bar Strategic Plan. Information was shared on mental health resources for State Bar members that is provided at by the State Bar that is anonymous. The program provides for a free one-hour session. Also mentioned the wellness App available to membership

Chair Bradley shared results of the Pro Bono Challenge. Homa Woodrum was the highest in Pro Bono hours and will be invited to the reception to meet with the Judges.

III. Nomination and Election of Officers and Executive Council. (Sarah)

Chair Bradley went over the descriptions for each office. Vice-Chair Melissa Flatley and at-large member Melody Leutkehan will be stepping down from their respective positions. Chair Bradley opened up the nominations for the positions.

No new nominations received for the position of Chair.

Micaela Moore nominated Michael Oh for the position of Vice-Chair and Andy Moore to one of the at-large positions.

Michael Oh nominated Jeffrey Dorocak for Secretary or At-Large member. Jeff Dorocak accepted the nomination for Secretary.

Micaela Moore nominated Bethany Sanchez for At-Large member.

Sophia Long and Michaela Moore received no opponent for the At-large position.

Janet Traut moved to accept the nominations and the election for the following individuals and positions on the Executive Council:

Sarah Bradley – Chair

Michael Oh – Vice-chair

Secretary – Jeffery Dorocak

At-large members: Bethany Sanchez, Andrew Moore, and Sophia Long.

Seconded by Ian Cummings.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. Amendment to bylaws

Chair Bradley went over the proposed changes to the bylaws. The changes to be made were recommended by the State Bar to include succession planning and membership to law students. Advised that if the bylaws are approved, then it will be subject to the Board of Governors approval.

Motion to approve the changes to the bylaws as stated in Exhibit 1, attached hereto the minutes, by Ian Cummings. Motion seconded by Janet Traut. Motion passed unanimously.

V. 2023-2024 Action Plan

Chair Bradley discussed proposed increase in Section dues from current amount of \$35 to \$50. Also recommended dues for \$50 for law school graduates and/or law clerks for government agencies and no cost for active law students.

Member commented on issue of bar dues decreasing for public lawyers to allow for ability to join affinity bars. Marisa Rodriguez on behalf of Board of Governors and encouraged membership to participate and attend Board of Governors meetings and provide comment on this issue.

Brian Anderson asked whether the annual dues are the only source of revenues. Chair Bradley confirmed that annual dues are only revenue source and the conference costs. Brian Anderson suggested raising funds from private sources. Michael Oh mentioned plan to solicit donations from private firms and/or vendors to help increase revenue sources.

Chair Bradley went over Revenue and Expenses for the conference as well as the donations received from government entities. Chair Bradley indicated that without the

donations, we would have been in the negative for the conference and that we were likely to break even this year.

Motion by Hoda to increase annual dues to \$35 for active attorneys, \$35 for law school graduates/law clerks, and no cost to current law students. Motion passed with majority of the Ayes with 4 Nays.

VI. 2024 Conference

Chair Bradley discussed options for conference for 2024 Civil Government Conference. Suggestion about looking having it in other areas of Nevada. Motion made to have conference in Lake Tahoe and to explore having the conference in Southern Nevada the following year. Motion Seconded by Janet Traum. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Donation to Pro Bono Organization in lieu of Bartley Award (All)

Chair Bradley stated that there was no recipient for the Bartley Award. In lieu of the Bartley Award, Chair Bradley suggested that a donation of \$500 be made to a pro bono in Nevada.

Motion made to donate \$500 to Volunteer Attorneys of Rural Nevada (VARN). Second by Hoda. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:15ish.