



**MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Fallon, NV
September 24, 2013
8:30-3:30 pm**

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened at 8:54 am on September 24, 2013.

The following members were in attendance:

Alan Lefebvre, President
Elana Graham, President Elect
Larry Digesti, Vice President
Frank Flaherty, Immediate Past President
Paola Armeni
Elizabeth Brickfield
Julie Cavanaugh-Bill
Eric Dobberstein
Richard Dreitzer
Daniel Hamilton
Gene Leverty
Paul Matteoni
Ann Morgan
Richard Pocker
Ryan Russell
Bryan Scott
Richard Scotti

Guests:

State Bar staff present:

Kimberly Farmer
Gale Skala
David Clark
Marc Mersol
Lisa Dreitzer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Alan Lefebvre discussed the importance of continuity in leadership of the Board of Governors. Mr. Lefebvre presented a synopsis of the leadership roles of the Board.

Mr. Lefebvre appointed a taskforce charged with researching a civility rules in Nevada. Richard Scotti, Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, Ryan Russell, Elizabeth Brickfield, Paola Armeni and Richard Dreitzer were appointed to the taskforce.

Frank Flaherty reported on the short trial program in the Second Judicial District. As set forth in the Short Trial Rules the State Bar appoints a member of the Board of Governors to be on the committee for the selection of short trial judges. It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Paul Matteoni as a member of the Short Trial Selection Committee with Larry Digesti as the alternate.

Alan Lefebvre discussed the resignation and acceptance of the resignation of Coe Swobe as the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Coordinator, effective date to be determined.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kim Farmer gave an overview of the 2014 Annual Meeting that will take place at the Hyatt in Newport Beach, CA. Ms. Farmer discussed the plan to hold the 2015 annual meeting at the Hotel Del Coronado.

Kim Farmer reported on the status of the purchase of the building at 3100 W Charleston. Ms. Farmer discussed different options for the current State Bar office when we move to the new location.

GENERATIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed the following question using the generative discussion process.

Personal Injury Specialization

Alan Lefebvre presented background information on specialization in Nevada and the request of the Nevada Justice Association to obtain input/approval for a personal injury specialization designation. The Nevada Justice Association's taskforce will develop specialization program specifics for personal injury attorneys. Gene Leverty, Larry Digesti and Eric Dobberstein volunteered to be liaisons to the taskforce. Once the specialization guidelines/requirements are developed, they will be presented to the Board for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

Financials

Marc Mersol presented an overview of the State Bar financial operations as of July 31, 2013. Mr. Mersol reviewed points of interest on revenues and expenses of specific departments.

Affordable Care Act Manual

The Health and Insurance Law Section proposes to work with the Publications Committee to draft a new reference manual, The Affordable Care Act in Nevada. The Publications Committee recommended approval for this project. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the development of Affordable Care Act in Nevada manual.

Royalties and Compensation

The Publications Committee recommended a royalties and compensation policy that outlines fees to contributing authors and editors of the State Bar published works. After discussion, no action was taken.

Mineral Law Foundation

With the resignation of Ross de Lipkau as the State Bar representative on the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Foundation requested the State Bar appoint a new representative. The Board of Governors has requested more information about the Foundation and the role of the representative of the State Bar of Nevada. No action was taken at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 2013

Suspension of Non compliance of the TIP Program Requirements

Thomas D. Pilkington

Suspension – Non Payment of Dues

Craig F. Jorgenson

Sections

- o Real Property Section – approved amendments to bylaws
- o Appellate Litigation Section – approved amendments to bylaws

Member Benefit

Approved –FedEx as a member benefit

APPOINTMENTS

Disciplinary Board

Southern Board

Approved appointment for three year term commencing October 2013 of Africa Sanchez and Ketan Bhirud
Northern Board. Approved appointment for three year term commencing October 2013 of C. Nicholas Pereos.

Lawyer Advertising Committee

Northern District

Approved reappointment of Walter Fey for a two year term commencing November 2013

Southern District. Approved appointment of Shoshana Kunin-Leavitt for a two year term commencing October 2013

Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee

Approved reappointment one year term Todd Kennedy as Regional Chair, LVA, commencing October 2013

Approved the following reappointments for a three year term commencing October 2013

Joanna Grigoriev, LVA

Debbie Leonard, Reno

Rea Melanson, LVA

Vicky Oldenburg, Reno

Dan Waite, LVA

Approved the following appointments for a three year term commencing October 2013

Arun Gupta, LVA

C. Nicholas Pereos, Reno

Clients' Security Fund

Approved reappointments for a three year term of Harvey Gruber, effective October 2013 and Carl Weller, effective August 2013

Board of Bar Examiners

Approved for a three year reappointment term effective October 2013

Eileen O'Grady, Seat D David Frederick, Seat E

Character and Fitness Committee

Approved for a three year reappointment term effective October 2013

John Bailey

Nevada Editorial Board

Approved for a three year appointment commencing September 2013

Elizabeth Fielder Leon Mead III

Publications Committee

Approved for a three year appointment commencing September 2013

Paul C. Ray

Section Appointments

Approved the following:

- o Energy, Utilities and Communications – one year term effective August 2013
Chair, Dan Reaser
Vice Chair, Douglas Brooks
Secretary, Curt Ledford
Treasurer, Craig Newby

- o Appellate Litigation Section - one year term effective August 2013
Chair, Debbie Leonard Secretary, Jordan Smith
Chair Elect, Stacy Harrop Treasurer, Joel Henriod

Justice League of Nevada

The Board of Governors has requested that the open position to the Justice League be advertised on the State Bar website and Enews. It was moved, seconded and carried to table the motion of appointment until the November Board of Governors meeting. Elana Graham abstained from voting.

Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:20 pm and concluded the Executive Session at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.