



Lane County Bar Association
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018

Hutchinson Cox Meeting Room

In attendance: Todd Johnston, President; Sebastian Tapia, President-Elect; Erin Fennerty, Secretary/Treasurer; Hon. R. Curtis Conover; Raquel Hecht; Alexandra Hilsher; Hal Neth; Brad Litchfield.

Absent: Amanda Husted.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Johnston at 12:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from the July 12, 2018 Board meeting were circulated and reviewed.

Johnston moved to approve the minutes for the July 12, 2018 Board meeting. Neth seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

President's Report: All is well.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Current Membership Numbers. As of August 31, 2018, approximately 271 individuals had signed up/renewed their membership; when compared to the same date in previous years, this is a much higher number. However, we are still more than 100 total members down when compared to last year's final membership count, and last year's count was lower than years previous.

Finances. Fennerty circulated financial reports with information as of August 30, 2018, which were reviewed by the Board.

New Business:

Em's game recap and events historian. Fennerty reported that attendance at this year's Em's game/picnic was much higher than in the last few years. When reviewing income vs. cost for this year with previous years, it was noted that there was a loss of approximately \$315 this year. The loss was attributable to setting this year's cost of admission at the same level as last year, which did not cover an increase in ticket prices.

Fennerty took photos at the event, which were circulated to the membership via email and posted on the website. This was received favorably, and Johnston will ask the program chairs to take photos at the luncheons and other events.

LCBA directory. The subcommittee, comprised of Hilsher, Neth, and Litchfield, met earlier and discussed various aspects related to the creation and publication of a member directory. The subcommittee reported on costs associated with the project as: \$725 per luncheon for a photographer to take photos at the October and November luncheons, \$1,350 for a photographer to take photos at the Holiday Party, \$1,500 for an online directory, and \$3,600 - \$3,800 for 100 print copies of the directory. Due to costs, the subcommittee ultimately recommended that the organization move forward with the creation of a directory that would only be available to members through the LCBA website.

Johnston moved that the committee engage Steve Smith to take photographs at the luncheons and the Holiday Party, and engage Figoli Quinn to create the platform for the online directory on the LCBA website, and to delay the decision regarding whether to also create print copies of the directory to later. Tapia seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Article submissions and rules. Johnston circulated LCBA Newsletter article submission guidelines, noting that the same guidelines had previously been provided to members by email at an earlier date. Noting no objections to the guidelines, Johnston indicated that he would arrange for the guidelines to be posted on the LCBA website. Husted has agreed to be the point-of-contact person for article submissions.

Out-of-county recruiting. Johnston noted that he had been in touch with bar associations in neighboring counties to discuss the cross-promotion of attendance at each other's events and luncheons. The idea has been received warmly thus-far.

Push for upcoming lunch event and current numbers – honoraria. It was noted that some of the speakers for this year's luncheons are "higher profile" individuals who are traveling from out-of-county to speak. The idea of providing an honoraria for these speakers, namely gift certificates or other items that reflect Eugene's local culture, was discussed.

Litchfield moved that speakers who travel from more than 30 miles away to speak at a luncheon be provided an honoraria with a total value of not more than \$50 per speaker. Johnston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Feedback on "Message from Board." Johnston noted that he authored a "Message from the Board," which was included in the September LCBA Newsletter. He further indicated that, barring any objections from Board members, he would continue the same for each month's LCBA Newsletter.

City Club of Eugene recruiting/cooperation and other groups. Johnston reported having discussions with the City Club of Eugene about cross-promoting attendance at each other's luncheons. A representative from the City Club indicated interest in attending an LCBA luncheon, but wanted to be able to speak to the membership for five minutes about the organization. Discussion ensued, with concerns raised about having luncheons being open to outside groups and/or members of the public, as it might chill the nature of comments and participation.

Contributions to judicial investitures. A request for contribution to the investiture reception for the Hon. Debra Velure was received by Johnston, which was conveyed to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding whether there were any ethical constraints on making such a contribution, as well as past

practices regarding LCBA contributions to investiture receptions and portrait costs. It was agreed that Johnston would respond to the request, indicating that the Board had authorized reimbursement of up to \$500, with the amount to be allocated toward investiture reception costs or portrait costs in a manner consistent with historical practices.

Topic for remaining unscheduled month(s). Programming for the remainder of the year was briefly reviewed. Hecht agreed to work with Erik Bonn to coordinate November's luncheon, which is to be an ethic's CLE. Programming for the April, 2019 luncheon remains open.

Accounting review from Jones and Roth. Tabled.

Website membership pricing update. Tabled, although it was noted that the LCBA Website was updated so members signing up for luncheons would only be charged \$16, and non-members who were outside of the grace period would be charged \$20.

LCBA Library Committee. Tapia reported that the LCBA Library Committee's procedures require that all members of the committee must be approved by the Board, and presented a slate of individuals for committee membership.

Tapia moved that he, Emily Cross, and Michael Hajarizadeh be approved as members on the LCBA Library Committee. Johnston seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

JARC membership/nominations. Tabled.

Separation of Secretary/Treasurer duties. Tabled.

Update of policies/procedures. Tabled.

Topics for AG Discussion (current suit against federal gov, Vance Day trial (timing), other). Discussed and agreed that Johnston would communicate with the Governor's office that Oregon's participation in current lawsuits against the federal government would be a good topic for the Governor to discuss at the October luncheon.

Good of the Order: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10pm.



Erin A. Fennerty, Secretary/Treasurer

Oct 4, 2018

Date