



Lane County Bar Association
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2019

Hutchinson Cox Meeting Room

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

Absent: Todd Johnston, President.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tapia at 12:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from the December 6, 2018 Board meeting were circulated and reviewed.

Tapia moved to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2018 Board meeting. Hecht seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Husted and Litchfield abstaining.

President's Report:

Holiday Party. It was noted that attendance at the holiday party was good, and attendees seemed to enjoy themselves. Fennerty reported that all board members who had procured a gift card for the raffle had submitted reimbursement requests except for Hecht. Fennerty also noted that the price for this year's event was less than last year, which was expected given last year's open bar mistake.

Committee Section Chairs / Board Liaisons - Update. Tapia reported that the Federal Court Committee is not managed by the Oregon chapter of the Federal Association, and is actually inactive. Neth reported that the New Lawyers Committee is inactive as well. Hilsher reported that the Community Education Day Committee is also inactive, but Sue Luddington (Lane County Law Librarian) is interested in serving as the chair if a non-lawyer can serve as a committee chair. Hecht reported that the Diversity Committee is now up and running, and that Felipe Alonso has agreed to serve as the chair.

Financial Review. Reported that the subcommittee comprised of Fennerty, Litchfield and Tapia met, and is working on a draft policy.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fennerty circulated financial reports with information as of December 31, 2018, which were reviewed by the Board. Fennerty noted that there has been an uptick in membership. Discussion regarding those individuals who have not yet renewed their membership, but are still receiving membership benefits (i.e. reduced price lunches and emails from the LCBA). Tapia will contact our website designer to ensure that members who have not renewed their membership will

be unable to obtain member pricing for lunches as of the end of the month. There was discussion and agreement that the email list should not be purged, however.

Old Business:

Directory Update. Hilsher reported the Member Directory Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for next week with the Board's web designer and Lorelei Craig to discuss the format of the directory that will appear on the LCBA website. Costs and logistics of creating a hard-copy of the directory are still being worked out and considered.

Creation of LCBA Bylaw Revision Subcommittee. Conover, Fennerty, Hilsher, and Tapia agreed to serve on a Subcommittee to review and recommend changes to the Bylaws. It was agreed that Johnston, as Board President, should also be on the Subcommittee.

February Luncheon – Update. Litchfield reported that everything is on track for David Markowitz to present at the February luncheon. It was noted that the presentation will last for 2 hours, and that such information would need to be communicated to the membership.

April Luncheon. It does not appear Dean Burke will be able to present at April luncheon. Litchfield suggested that someone present on attorney mental health for this luncheon.

New Business:

Retired Attorneys' Membership Dues. Tapia reported he had received inquiry from an attorney retired from practice about reduced membership dues for retired lawyers. No action was taken on the inquiry.

Law Student Member Admission Cost for Holiday Party. Tapia highlighted that LCBA members do not pay to attend the holiday party, and that the cost for the event is funded by membership dues. As law students do not pay dues to be members of the LCBA, the idea was floated that law student members should pay an admission cost to attend the holiday party in order to help defray the cost of the event. No action was taken.

Free Speech CLE. Hecht reported that the Lane County Women Lawyers and the University of Oregon law school are sponsoring a free speech CLE in Eugene, and that the Diversity Committee was asked to also sponsor and contribute money for the event.

Hecht moved that Diversity Committee should sponsor the free speech CLE with a \$250 contribution. Husted seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chief Justice Walters Judicial Funding Event. Fennerty reported that an event will be put on in February, where Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice will be presenting information about the judicial budget which she is recommending to the state legislature. The aim of the event is to bring awareness to the broader community about the need for and importance of a well-funded judiciary. Fennerty indicated that sponsorships are needed to put on the event. Litchfield indicated that it is in the LCBA's best interest for there to be a strong judiciary.

Husted moved that the LCBA should sponsor the Chief Justice Walters event with a \$500 contribution. Litchfield seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Conover abstaining.

Eugene Emeralds Game. Tapia reported that the LCBA had been offered August 15, 2019, as the date for the Eugene Emeralds summer picnic, and the Board confirmed that August 15th should be set as the date for the event. Fennerty reported that attendance prices for this year are slightly higher than last year, and that the LCBA lost money on the event last year because the price charged to members was lower than the attendance price. Fennerty mentioned that to break even, members would have to be charged about \$5 more per person.

Good of the Order: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:13 pm.


Erin A. Fennerty, Secretary/Treasurer

Feb 7, 2019
Date