

Lane County Bar Association PO Box 11379 Eugene, Oregon 97440

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2019 Hutchinson Cox Meeting Room

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

Absent: Alexandra Hilsher

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

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: Meeting minutes from the February 7, 2019 and March 14, 2019 Board meetings were circulated and reviewed.

Neth moved to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2019 Board meeting. Tapia seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Johnston abstaining.

Johnston moved to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019 Board meeting. Neth seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Fennerty abstaining.

<u>Secretary/Treasurer's Report</u>: Fennerty circulated financial reports with information as of March 31, 2019, which were reviewed by the Board. Fennerty reported that the expenses are going to be greater than income for the fiscal year, due to an increase in administrative costs, ongoing losses for monthly luncheons, and the bar directory project.

President's Report: None.

## Old Business:

*Directory Update*. A mock-up of the online directory that had been emailed to the Board was discussed, with positive approval. Neth reported that the directory will "go live" very soon, and the membership will be able to log in through the website to update their biographical information. An email reminder will be sent to the membership that Steve Smith will be at the April luncheon, and this will be the last opportunity for members to have their photo taken.

## New Business:

Spring Awards Dinner. Discussion regarding nominations for the annual awards. Husted circulated nominations already received from association members. Fennerty suggested emailing the

awards nomination form to the membership to generate a larger number of nominees. The Board will meet later in the month to review all nominations and select award recipients.

*May Board Meeting Guests.* Johnston suggested inviting the Board's accountant, website maintenance contractor, and program chairs to the May meeting for a roundtable on the functions of the organization and what the Board can be doing to better assist our vendors. Agreement on extending the invitation and picking-up the cost of the attendees' lunches.

*Courthouse Bond Update*. Johnston reported that there has been much activity and advocacy happening regarding the upcoming courthouse funding bond, which is on the May 21, 2019 special election ballot. On April 26, 2019, City Club will be hosting a program on the topic. Johnston will email handouts with information about the courthouse project to the Board, and requested distribution/promotion of same.

*Programming Planning Meeting.* A planning meeting to discuss and solidify programming for next year's luncheons was scheduled for May 16, 2019.

*Honoring 30/40/50 Members.* Fennerty indicated that 30/40/50 year members will be recognized at the June luncheon, and planning is necessary related thereto. Neth indicated he would obtain a list of 30/40/50 year members from the state Bar, and Fennerty indicated she would be responsible for preparing the recognition certificates. Neth, Litchfield, and Fennerty agreed to be responsible for inviting the 30/40/50 year members to the luncheon.

*Elections*. Fennerty indicated that elections for one board member and for the secretary/treasurer executive board member will take place at the June luncheon, and planning is necessary related thereto. Johnston indicated he will work on getting a nominating committee together.

Good of the Order: None.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 pm.

Erin A. Fennerty, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date