

Lanc County Bar Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Location:

September 5, 2019

Lane County Board of County Commissioner's Conference Room

125 E. 8th Avenue, Public Service Building

In attendance: Sebastian Tapia (President), Hon. Curt Conover, Hal Neth, Raquel Hecht, Felipe Alonso

Absent: Erin Fennerty (President-elect), Brad Litchfield (Secretary/Treasurer), Amanda Husted, Ali

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

Minutes: Meeting minutes for August were set over for review to the October meeting

<u>Financials</u>: Financials were briefly considered, but a more thorough review is expected when Litchfield returns.

President's Report

Tapia offered the President's budget. Neth observed that the Board's objective was to provide value to its members, and the additional costs and proposed new registration charges might not be consistent with that objective. Tapia observed that the ABA membership dues are \$150 and provides relatively little compared to what the LCBA provides to its members.

Tapia said that thousands of dollars could be saved if the Spring Bash were changed to a luncheon. The board expressed reluctance to make that change.

Tapia asked board members to contact their assigned luncheon presenters and get a brief description of their topics. That information should be sent to the web administrator as soon as possible to be added to the website and email blasts. Tapia also asked that the assigned board member coordinate with the Program Chairs to get prior accreditation for the next two luncheon topics to draw additional interest.

Old Business

Tapia advised that the Bylaws Committee and the Financial Policy Committee continue to work to refine both policies.

New Business

Tapia nominated and moved to approve Eric Bonn as the Chair of the New Lawyers Committee. Hecht seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Judge Kasubhai accepted the LCBA's offer to contribute to his investiture party.

Law Library Committee would like LCBA to fund a new TV for trial attorneys' use, but no estimate was provided. A vote was not necessary at this time.

Tapia relayed Todd Johnston's request for contribution to the CEJ. No motion was made.

Mari Taylor called in to provide feedback about new email listsery. No action was required.

Tapia relayed Judith Moman's request for \$500 for the Mentorship Committee Social. Neth moved to approve. Tapia Seconded. Approved by majority. Hecht abstained from voting.

Judith Moman called in to propose a new program that would serve low income clients. She offered to Chair the Pro Bono Section, but asked that it be renamed, "Pro-Bono and Low-Bono Committee."

Tapia nominated and moved to approve Judith Moman as Chair of the Pro Bono Committee. Alonso seconded. Unanimously approved.

Hecht moved to change the name of the Pro Bono Committee to the Pro Bono and Low Bono Committee. Conover moved to amend to Pro Bono and Limited Scope Representation Committee. Alonso seconded the motion as amended. The amended motion was unanimously approved.

Hecht volunteered to be the co-liaison of the Pro Bono and Limited Scope Representation Committee.

Alonso volunteered to be the liaison for the Diversity Committee.

Tapia relayed Judge Kasubhai's offer to host a future CLE titled, "Four Stages of Loss and Settlement Conferences."

Tapia described the gift bag for out of town presenters this year, which is valued at less than twenty five dollars.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05 PM.

Sebastian Tapia, President

10/3/2019 Date