



Lane County Bar Association
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Lane County Bar Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Location: January 2, 2020
Lane County Board of County Commissioner's Conference Room
125 E. 8th Avenue, Public Service Building

In attendance: Sebastian Tapia, President, Hon. Curtis Conover, Ai Hilsher, Felipe Alonso

Absent: Erin Fennerty, President-Elect, Brad Litchfield, Secretary/Treasurer, Amanda Husted, Hal Neth, Raquel Hecht

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tapia at 12:08 PM.

Minutes: Review of meeting minutes from December tabled until Litchfield returns.

President's Report

Tapia reported that the food provided by the Graduate for the Holiday Party was higher quality than last year's party. Tapia reported that the band was highly successful, but getting the optimal volume was a challenge. Tapia reported that the \$600 expense for a sound technician for the band was off-set by guest payments and lower food cost compared to last year. Tapia reported that the Program Chairs said that several attendees thought they were members, but were not listed on the membership list. Due to unforeseen technical problems, we did not have a computer ready for on-site member registration as planned.

Tapia reported that the LCBA's expenses are closely tracking the budget. However, the budget forecasts a net loss. Conover encouraged the Board to reach out to the members from last year who did not renew this year.

Tapia reported that members now have CLE credit for October and November luncheons. The Program Chairs are working currently to submit requests for accreditation for September's luncheon. Tapia said that January's luncheon might be a more difficult process to get accredited because neither Judges Vogt nor McShane are expected to have a PowerPoint presentation or handouts that can be submitted to the bar. The Board advised that a summary of the event and bios for each presenter should be sufficient.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Financials were briefly considered, but a more thorough review is expected when Litchfield returns. Tapia invited discussion of the Balance Sheet for December 2019 and Members by Month.

New Business

Tapia conveyed Neth's request on behalf of the New Lawyer's Committee for \$200 for food and drinks following the U of O annual IL Mock Interviews. Tapia explained that the New Layer's Committee has been inactive for more than one year. Committee Chair Erik Bonn is attempting to establish interest. The event is co-sponsored by the OSB for \$250. Motion by Conover to approve up to \$200 for food and non-alcohol drinks. Second by Hilsher. Approved unanimously.

Hilsher requested the LCBA to promote "Parenting Now," which is an initiative that is currently being promoted by Chief Justice Walters. Hilsher explained that the program is not requesting money or verbal recognition at a LCBA luncheon. Motion by Hilsher to allow Parenting Now to be allowed to advertise in a LCBA Newsletter and to leave flyers at the registration table at a LCBA luncheon. Second by Alonso. Approved by majority.

Tapia reported that Regional Mock Trial competition will be held this February 22 at the Lane County Courthouse. Volunteers are requested to provide feedback to high school participants. Hilsher reported that the Law Day Committee through member Dennis Gerl requested \$100 for food and coffee for volunteers. Motion to sponsor up to \$100 for food and drinks made by Hilsher. Second by Tapia. Approved unanimously.

Old Business

Tapia reported that although the financial committee is close to having a finical policy for the Board's consideration, he would like to invite the Program Chairs and accountant to provide feedback first. He reported that there are several inefficiencies in the current process that should be addressed in the financial policy.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:02 PM.

/s/ Sebastian Tapia
Sebastian Tapia, President

2/6/2020
Date