



Lane County Bar Association
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**BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**
June 11, 2020
Board Meeting
Via Zoom Conference Call

In Attendance: Sebastian Tapia, President; Erin Fennerty, President-Elect; Brad Litchfield, Secretary/Treasurer; Amanda Husted, Hal Neth, Hon. Curtis Conover, Raquel Hecht, Felipe Alonso III, Elliott Farren, and Jinhoo Hwang.

Absent: Alexandra Hilsher; Brook Reinhard

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Tapia at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from prior Board meetings were circulated and reviewed.

Revised minutes from the March and April meetings were reviewed and Tapia moved to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Hecht, and approved unanimously with no abstentions. The May minutes were reviewed and Tapia moved to approve the minutes and Neth seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously with no abstentions.

1. President's Report:

Because of the numerous topics on the agenda, President Tapia moved directly to the Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- a. Litchfield provided a general discussion of finances as there has been little change and few expenses during the pandemic.
- b. Litchfield mentioned his discussions with the Eugene Emerald organization for the August 2020 baseball game and picnic. All Ems baseball is canceled for the 2020 season but Litchfield discussed with the staff whether there were alternate options for events using the picnic facilities. The Board decided to table the discussion until next month to be able to better understand if the pandemic situation is better such that some sort of group event would be appropriate.
- c. Fennerty questioned whether the Board should be considering a rate increase for yearly Bar dues. Litchfield indicated that he believed that we lacked information to be able to make such a decision to increase rates, especially when future luncheons were uncertain, as luncheons are a significant part of the Board expenses. The Board

generally was reticent about an increase in rates and it was decided not to pursue an increase in fees for the 2020-21 year. Fennerty moved to set the dues at the existing rate, seconded by Hecht, which was approved unanimously, without abstentions.

3. New Business:

- a. *New Board of Directors.* Tapia welcomed the new board members that were elected by the general membership in the recent election. The new Board Executive for 2020 is: Erin R. Fennerty, President; E. Bradley Litchfield, President Elect; Amanda S. Husted, Secretary Treasurer; Felipe Alonso III, Treasurer. The new Board members are Elliott Farren, Jinoon Hwang, and Brook Reinhard.
- b. *Motion for Inclusion of Additional Events to be Included in the Bar Bulletin Calendar.* Tapia and Litchfield discussed their recent involvement with a concerned member that felt that the LCBA should be recognizing Pride Month in the LCBA Bulletin. Tapia researched the issue and felt that the Bar should be recognizing other important dates and events and moved that the following events should be recognized in the calendar section of the respective newsletters: Black History Month in February, Women's History Month in March, Asian Heritage Month in May, Jewish American Heritage Month in May, Gay Pride Month in June, Hispanic Heritage Month in September. Husted seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously without abstention.

4. Old Business:

- a. *30/40/50 Awards.* These awards were agreed to be presented in October. Tapia agreed to contact the programming chair to secure the list of 30, 40, and 50 year members. Litchfield agreed to contact the 30 year members, Husted the 40 year members, and Fennerty the 50 year members. Fennerty also agreed to prepare certificates for the members.
- b. *Selection of Award Nominees for 2020 LCBA Awards.* The Board was presented with a number of nominees for each of the three awards, and after a lengthy discussion and review of all statements from or about the nominees, the following award recipients were selected:
 - i. Distinguished Service: Hon. Deborah Vogt
 - ii. Pro Bono Award: George Derr
 - iii. Professionalism Award: Tina Stupasky

Good of the Order:

Conover discussed how he had been approached by Judith Moman, chair of the Access to Justice Committee and wanted to ensure that funding allocated for her committee would be available next year when luncheons and events resumed. The Board confirmed that these funds would be available for when meetings or events resume.

As this was the last meeting for some of our current members, Tapia thanked all Board members for their service and discussed the accomplishments during the 2019 - 2020 year. He expressed his appreciation and gratitude for his opportunity to serve.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:18 p.m.

s/E. Bradley Litchfield

E. Bradley Litchfield, Secretary/Treasurer

July 1, 2020

Date