

Lane County Bar Association PO Box 11379 Eugene, Oregon 97440

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

April 1, 2021 Electronic Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Erin Fennerty, President; Brad Litchfield, President-Elect; Felipe Alonso III,

Treasure; Amanda Husted, Secretary; Alexandra Hilsher, Raquel Hecht, Elliott Farren

Absent: Hon. Curtis Conover, Brook Reinhard, Jinoo Hwang

<u>Call to Order</u>: This meeting was called to order by Fennerty at 12:06 p.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> Litchfield reports that November 2020 meeting minutes were approved at the March meeting. Husted was absent at March meeting and Hwang took minutes. Husted needs to circulate February 2021 meeting minutes at the May meeting. Group reviewed March meeting minutes and it was decided to table until the next meeting so Hwang can make changes.

1. President's Report: No report.

2. Secretary's Report: No report.

3. <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Alonso reports that without lunches this year there is a lot of surplus money in the budget. The board should start thinking about how we want to use that money once we are able to hold lunches/events in person. Alonso also reports that \$1000.00 has been moved to debit card and is now a line item on the balance sheet.

4. Old Business:

- a. Litchfield reports that the March Supreme Court Luncheon had technological problems with the break out rooms but otherwise went okay. Litchfield estimated about 45 people attended which seemed lower than normal. Fennerty notes there may be some Zoom fatigue contributing to lower monthly attendance.
- b. Alonso reports that for the April Luncheon the President of Urban league and former Attorney General from Division of Civil Rights will be discussing 1983 claims and police brutality. Will be requesting an Access to Justice to credit. Fennerty will generate zoom link and program chairs will email link to everyone who is preregistered.

- c. No Financial Committee update. Alonso notes debit card and financial policy approved in previous meetings.
- d. Alonso provides update on Diversity Fellowship. There are 1.5 committed employers for summer fellowships and one student has been offered and accepted the fellowship. Alonso is discussing options with another firm in town and the OCDLA for criminal defense opportunities.

5. New Business:

- a. Fennerty reports that board needs to send out request for Spring Award nominations. Historically board sends out nomination forms and then we gather nominations, review, and make decision. Fennerty reminds the board that in 2020 the awards were given but we were unable to meet in person.
- b. Fennerty looks for discussion about May Spring Awards dinner and whether or not it could be in person. The board is in agreement that it is too early. Fennerty asks for thoughts on postponing the Spring Awards to a time where they could be in person. Hilsher suggests postponing to the late summer so it can be outside and in person. Hecht supports that idea. Fennerty reminds group that we also have the Emerald baseball game in August. Inquires whether we should have an outdoor picnic in July and Emeralds in August or just on event in August. Group agrees that just a picnic in August with no Emeralds game this year may provide the most attendance. Litchfield suggests we cover catering to encourage more people to come. Fennerty suggest we still seek nominations for awards on the usual schedule but hold off on awarding until August. The 30/40/50 awards can also be presented at that time.
- c. Fennerty notes that if there is no June meeting we will need to work on virtual voting for the LCBA board positions. The board was elected via online voting last year as well. There is discussion about procedures to ensure that only members are voting and only voting one time. Fennerty will follow up with website person.

Good of the Order: No reports.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting is May 6, 2021.

/s/ Amanda S. Husted Dated May 6, 2021

Amanda S. Husted, Secretary