



Lane County Bar Association  
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## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

December 3, 2020

Electronic Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Erin Fennerty, President; Brad Litchfield, President-Elect, Felipe Alonso III, Treasure; Amanda Husted, Secretary; Alexandra Hilsher, Elliott Farren, Brook Reinard, Hon. Curtis Conover, Jinoo Hwang, Raquel Hecht (second half of meeting)

Absent: Raquel Hecht

Call to Order: 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Litchfield will provide November 2020 meetings for approval at the next meeting.

1. President's Report: No Report.
2. Secretary's Report: No Report.
3. Treasurer's Report: Alonso offers the idea of presenting reports on a month delay so that members have more time to review prior to meetings. Alonso asks for information about the money CD and when the decision was made to create it. Fennerty reports the CD has been around for a while and the Board let's it roll over every year. Alonso notes the CD matured in March 2020. Fennerty states it is a two (2) year term and will mature again 2022. Alonso notes that we are on target for or lower for most expenses and appear on target for membership as well. Notes that last year the we picked up extra members in December/January. Fennerty notes this came from sign ups at the 2019 holiday party. Fennerty notes that this year we are picking up members because the Zoom meetings require membership for registration. Fennerty suggests we reach out directly to certain members to renew.
4. Old Business:
  - a. EM's Spring Social: Return of deposit – Alonso called Ems and spoke with General Manager. Referred it to the accounts manager and will be in process to return. Suggests we discuss throwing a free for members party once things are safe.
  - b. Financial Committee – Litchfield, Husted, and Alonso report that the committee needs to

meet one more time to make a final draft and this can be done by the next board meeting.

- c. Opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> bank account for LCBA & obtaining a debit card - Husted and Fennerty will need to sign to finalize.
- d. February luncheon Planning. Fennerty reports Judge Vogt confirmed January luncheon will be State of the Court. A speaker is needed for the February luncheon. The board discusses the topic of Reference Judges. Fennerty notes that Judge Vogt may be able to address that topic in January luncheon. Board discusses ideas for February luncheon regarding current Constitutional issues such as the pandemic response, vaccines, and criminal trials in the time of COVID. Hwang will reach out to a UO constitutional professor.

5. New Business:

- e. Approve John Potter as board member on Public Defender Services of Lane County board of directors (Brook). Reinhard describes the LCBA involvement in the PDS board approval. Reinhard explains that John Potter is not a lawyer but nothing in bylaws says that a board member has to be a lawyer. John Potter was head of Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (OCDLA) for years. Fennerty moves to appoint John Potter to the Lane County Public Defender Services board. Hilsher seconds. Reinhard abstains. Motion passes.
- f. Diversity Committee Fellows Program - Alonso notes that the committee has changed the name to “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” committee. Alonso reports that the Multnomah Bar Association (MBA) has a diversity fellows program and the committee is looking at the LCBA creating one as well. The program provides mentorship and employment with firms at a set pay scale. Alonso notes the pay is still up for discussion. The University of Oregon law school will provide support and some local firms have committed to offering positions. Alonso explains that there will be no financial commitments required from the LCBA. The committee is asking for the LCBA to endorse the program. Fennerty asks if there support from certain organizations like the local bench and public defenders. Alonso confirms there is support. Hilsher asks about the application process and Alonso notes it can happen any way the board would like with as much or as little involvement in the selection of applicants as the board decides. The MBA requires a diversity essay and the law schools select applicants and Alonso envisions this program will operate similarly. Fennerty suggests we finalize the format before it is offered. to figure out the structure before we actually say we offer it. Fennerty notes that the MBA has paid staff so the LCBA needs to ensure the structure is in place before opening the program. Farren moves to approve the diversity fellows program as a program of the LCBA and to empower the diversity committee to continue to work with the law school and cooperating firms to get the program started Hilsher

seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Alonso moves to change committee name to “Diversity Equity and Inclusion”. Fennerty seconds. moves. Motion passes.

Good of the Order: No business for the Good of the Order.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m. Next meeting January 7, 2021.

/s/ Amanda S. Husted \_\_\_\_\_ Dated January 7, 2021  
Amanda S. Husted, Secretary