

## Lane County Bar Association PO Box 11379 Eugene, Oregon 97440

## Lane County Bar Association Board Meeting Minutes

<u>Date and Location</u>: September 2, 2021

Zoom

In Attendance: Brad Litchfield, Felipe Alonso III, Ali Hilsher, Brook Reinhard, Lily Marshall-

Bass, Elliott Farren, Jinoo Hwang, Jennifer Hisey, Shane Davis

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order by Litchfield at 12:04 p.m.

<u>In-service Training</u>: Litchfield apologized for having no in-service training this month but promised

that we will do so in the future.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Alonso III previously sent out the financials, noting that we paid our bookkeeper

and insurance this month. Membership has been slow to increase, which we will discuss in Old Business. We are still flush with cash. Feel free to ask questions.

Minutes: August's minutes were previously circulated by Hilsher. Farren moved to

approve. Hwang seconded the motion. The motion to approve August minutes passed unanimously. The board agreed to table May and June minutes until next

month.

Old Business: Assignments. Hilsher explained the assignment list and asked for feedback.

<u>JARC</u>. Litchfield provided an update on the current members of the JARC and

explained that he is excited and a lot of work has gone into this.

Document Management. The RMC (Records Modernization Committee) is

planning to have a meeting on 9/27.

Renewal Notices. Litchfield explained that there are multiple ways to renew. First, go online. Second, in the past we have done an email blast and mailer. Litchfield's paralegal Dawn is going to organize the mailer this year and it is

expected to go out in the next week.

<u>New Business</u>: <u>September Event</u>. Bryan Welch from OAAP is scheduled to speak to the LCBA.

He is talking about important topic of connection – he is seeing some distressed lawyers from the bench. Farren asked if this event is going to be recorded, which

led to the discussion below.

Recording of Events. Litchfield said he thinks recording CLEs could be a great resource but pointed out that people need to consent. He suggested we could build up a database of courses that people can take. Hilsher asked how can we balance the need for recording, with the need to have people at our lunches. Hwang suggested that maybe we just record some of them, in particular the really important ones, and that we could not advertise ahead of time that they are being recorded. The records modernization committee will plan to discuss this issue more.

## Future Programing Activities.

- October We had originally planned on Judge Vogt for her State of the Court presentation, but that will not work.
  - The board had discussed last month about reaching out to Judge Bybee. He is probably willing to speak to us in October. He wrote the infamous torture memo but he would not speak on that topic. Farren is concerned that people will want to hear Bybee speak about the history of the torture memo and be disappointed.
  - Hilsher suggested inviting ACLU or Planned Parenthood to speak on the abortion law in Texas and the legal fallout.
    - Is it too political? Roe has not yet been overturned there are interesting legal issues.
    - The group agreed that Hilsher would reach out to a contact at the ACLU and report back.
- **November** We had planned on an ethics presentation in November.
  - Reinhard will reach out to Judge Kasubhai; Litchfield is going to reach out to someone at the disciplinary counsel's office.

<u>Programming Committee</u>. Litchfield contacted Esack Grueskin about the program committee and he agreed to serve. Husted was also going to reach out to a new lawyer in her office, but we have not heard an update on that.

Mentoring Committee. Alonso III reported that Judith Moman said she was no longer going to chair the mentoring committee, and Lorelei Craig is now going to do it. There was a motion to accept Lorelei Craig as the new mentoring subcommittee chair. Litchfield moved, Hwang seconded, all in favor unanimously.

Lane County Law Library. Sue Ludington has asked if we want to offer some old volumes of books at the library to lawyers. Sue said she would do all the work, but she wants LCBA to announce that, if people want these old volumes, to contact her. She is going to make a list, so we can circulate the list. Davis added that the reason she wants us to take this on is because the library is not allowed to give away books, but it can donate them to LCBA to give away. There was a motion to accept the donation from the library of books. Farren moved, Davis seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Awards for Lane County Bar. At the end of last year, we solicited names for LCBA's annual awards. Only received one name – Katie Green for distinguished service award. Litchfield asked how we want to deal with getting these names together in the next month. It was agreed that Hilsher will speak to Mari and ask her to do another solicitation for feedback and extend the deadline. At the October meeting we will make a final decision on awards.

Good of the Order: Nothing.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.