



Lane County Bar Association
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2023
Remote Via Zoom
Start Time: 12:05 pm

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 - a. Members Present – Felipe Alonso III, Jennifer Hisey, Jinoo Hwang, Elizabeth Stubbs (ES), Julian Marrs (JM), Elaina Bauer (EB), Lily Marshall-Bass (LMB), Shane Davis (SD), Honorable Clara Rigmaiden
2. Approval of Minutes.
 1. Approval of October and November, 2023 Minutes
 - a. Felipe motions to approve October and November minutes.
 - b. ES seconded.
 - c. No discussion.
 - d. Motion passed unanimously. SD and Jinoo were not present for the vote.
3. President's Report (Felipe)
 - a. 12.19.23 Winter Social
 - i. The Program Committee has been working on the Winter Social.
 - ii. The Eugene/Springfield Youth Orchestra will be performing for approximately an hour from 6-7.
 - iii. ESYO perform for free but LCBA is donating \$200.
 - iv. Each attendee will receive two drink tickets but people can combine the tickets for a fancier drink.
 - v. The Program Committee is still considering some type of ice breaker activity for the beginning of the social. Please message the Program Committee separately if you have any suggestions for activities.
 - vi. Photographer will be doing headshots for free. Board members without headshots are strongly encouraged to attend.
 - vii. Currently 66 attendees registered.
 - b. 1.11.24 January Lunch
 - i. Judge McAlpin will be presenting regarding the State of the Courts.
 - ii. The Gordon contract is signed.
 - c. Potential February lunch topic is mental health.
 - i. The Gordon is not available for the February meeting.
 - ii. The Federal Courthouse is available and Felipe plans to utilize this option.
 - d. Please share potential CLE/lunch topics with the Programming Committee. There is a need for at least two additional topics.
4. Secretary's Report (Jennifer)
 - a. Nothing to report. No discussion.
5. Treasurer's Report (Elizabeth)
 - a. General revenue is slightly higher than last year.

- b. Revenue from membership is higher.
- c. YTD current membership 271, last year 146.
- d. Expenditures have increased significantly from last year.
 - i. Bar lunches are a significant expense.
 - ii. Accounting services and bookkeeping services expenditures are higher than normal but the expectation is that they will decrease after completion of modernization projects.
 - iii. Jinoo provided a brief update on the webpage progress.
- e. Membership dues have been \$60 for several years.
 - i. LCBA is incurring higher expenses due to inflation.
 - ii. One option to reduce costs is to use the Federal Courthouse which is free instead of private venues.
 - 1. Lunches at the Federal Courthouse generally experience lower attendance.
 - iii. Another option is to raise the dues.
 - 1. Shane suggests that if we raise dues that we should tier dues so that longer serving attorneys pay more than brand new attorneys.

6. Free Legal Answers (Jennifer Geller)

- a. Many states have had an established platform to provide free legal answers.
- b. People post questions and attorneys have a set period of time to answer the questions.
- c. These programs are often used in law schools to help train students by talking about questions/subjects. Sometimes students can write answers and then an attorney reviews the proposed answers and uses the best one.
- d. University of Oregon Law has scheduled Free Legal Answer events for four Fridays with two hour slots.
- e. Jennifer is looking for 4-5 attorneys to volunteer.
- f. Lunch will be provided.
- g. Jennifer will send another email inviting participation.
- h. The state bar will provide liability insurance.
- i. <https://oregon.freelegalanswers.org>

7. LCBA Board Committees Next Steps (Felipe & Jinoo)

- a. As promised at last board meeting, see follow-up email 11.20.23 @ 2:36pm (Subject: "REVISED") with committee assignments.
- b. To maintain momentum, see section titled "NEXT STEPS" with guidance for 1st upcoming monthly:
 - i. Committee meeting
 - ii. Progress report @ next 1.4.24 board meeting.
- c. Felipe is on all committees.
- d. Reach out to Felipe and/or Jinoo with questions.

8. Good of the Order

- a. No discussion.

9. Adjourn 12:35 PM:

- 1. Next Event Date: December 19 at 5pm.
- 2. Next Board Meeting Date: January 4, 2024 at 12pm.