**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 5, 2024

Start Time 12:00 pm

1. Call to Order:

a. Members Present – Jinoo Hwang (JH), Jennifer Hisey (Jennifer); Elizabeth Stubbs (ES), Esack Grueskin (EG), Taylor Herbert (TH), Jesse London (JL), Sean Foster (SF), and Julian Marrs (JWM).

b. Members Absent – Honorable Debra Vogt; Elaina Bauer

2. Approval of Minutes: The Board reviewed Board Minutes for November and their approval was tabled to the next Board meeting.

3. Treasurer’s Report:

a. ES reported that the LCBA’s attendance is lower than in past years, providing the example of 252 current members versus 280 at the same time last year, which was itself lower than previous years.

b. ES reported that the LCBA still has some positive revenue and that most lunches are at least breaking even.

c. The Board discussed the expenses for the upcoming Winter Social. The current estimated expenses at $8,000 versus $9,300 the prior year. There was discussion of whether to charge for future Winter Socials. The tradition to not charge was raised. The issue was delegated to the Finance Committee to analyze. At this point in time, 85 individuals had signed up to attend.

4. Engagement Committee Report:

a. TH reported that most sections are currently defunct – only the probate, family law, and debtor/creditor are currently active. TH raised the idea of expanding the criminal defense section to include both sides of the criminal law bar.

b. TH detailed a process for the committee to identify potential section chairs and sections to eliminate. Current list of potential eliminations are programming, law library, environmental law, law practice, and technology.

c. The new lawyer section and employment law section were raised as potential sections to revitalize.

d. TH raised the need for information from the membership about interest. The possibility of a membership survey was raised.

5. Modernization Committee Report:

a. JH reported that the website is currently at the end of its lifespan. JL seconded this notion. JH intends to propose a plan for an update in the early portion of the new year.

b. JL joined the Modernization Committee and raised the potential for an app in addition to website.

6. Other Business:

a. JH asked whether anyone had an objection to him renaming—for brevity & intuitive sake—the “Programming” committee to “Events” committee.

b. JH raised the issue that each committee needs documents setting out its standard operations and functions.

c. JH and JL discussed need for an update to LCBA’s Bylaws in response to changing statutes.

d. JH reiterated his aspiration—*via* Governance Committee—for LCBA to establish a 25-year plan, as it had once done in 2000 (per Judge Velure + Hon. Joel Devore). JH opined some TBD mechanism for member input & feedback would be prudent, especially from younger new generation of attorneys.

e. Jennifer agreed to chair the Engagement Committee.

f. JH described socials Engagement Committee could eventually organize consisting of periodic coffee socials with local elected officials (cf. Deschutes County Bar Association. JH reported speaking with Judge Shugar who already confirmed her willingness to so engage. JH promoted this kind of engagement eventually and noted the need for some “anchor” Board members to show up.

g. JH discussed potential benefits—beyond CLEs—the LCBA could provide to members, raising the past practice of a group health plan being offered to the membership, something retired Judge Carlson was involved in forming for the LCBA before and expressed possible willingness to assist with in the future.

h. The Board acknowledged both the Event Committee and JH’s work in planning.

7. Adjourn 11:59 pm.

 Next Board Meeting Date: January 2, 2024.