

MINUTES
CCCBA Board Meeting
April 7, 2021
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Dorian Peters, Oliver Greenwood, Craig Nevin, Ericka McKenna, David Pearson, Cary McReynolds, David Erb, Qiana Washington, David Ratner, Marta Vanegas, Terry Leoni, Patanisha Davis Pierson, Dean Christopherson, Andrew Verriere, Jonathan Lee, Mike Pierson, S. C. Selleck

Guests: Dick Frankel, James Wu, Mika Domingo

Call to Order: Dorian called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of March 2021 Membership & Board Meeting Minutes – – MSC₁ to approve.

Committee Reports:

2. **Finance** – February 2021 Financial report – David Pearson reported that we are slightly ahead of budget overall, but behind budget in membership and advertising income.
3. **Committee reports** – Dorian reported back from today’s Bench-Bar Liaison committee meeting. E-filing is on target for March 2022 implementation, there will be no fees, the court is considering a reservation system for hearings once e-filing is implemented. Court currently has 5 vacant judicial positions (out of 38), hoping that the Governor will appoint some new judges soon. In the meantime, Commissioner Lee will be serving in Criminal in Richmond and court needs Pro-Tem judges to cover her Weds afternoon Richmond small claims and traffic calendars.

David Erb clarified questions about a potential trial series. Andy said that Litigation section is working with Barristers on a similar series.

4. **Section Liaison reports** – Marta reported that the Business Law section is planning two events – a business series about starting, growing and selling a business. Would like to have other sections partner with them on this. Other program is litigating the family business divorce.

Patanisha reported that the women’s section made bylaws amendment and added 2 new board members. Discussed amicus briefs that CWL has signed onto. Book club and other recurring programs are going well. Section is strong financially. Lots of programs scheduled. MCLE Spectacular program on DVRO. Working on a section diverse speaker policy

Announcements:

5. **Executive Director’s Report:**

- Upcoming Events – Theresa reminded board members about the Board info session at 5pm on May 5th, just before the May board meeting and encouraged board members to sign up for the various events coming up in April and May.

New Business:

6. **Governance Presentation:** Dick Frankel, 2000 CCCBA President gave a presentation on board governance.
7. **Proposed Anti-discrimination statement for website** – On behalf of the Communications committee SC Selleck presented an Anti-discrimination statement for the CCCBA website.

A motion was made and seconded to put a static antidiscrimination statement on the CCCBA website home page. The motion passed unanimously.

The Contra Costa County Bar Association stands for diversity, equity and inclusion and fostering relationships within our legal and general community. The CCCBA does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

The CCCBA stands against racism, oppression, and discrimination and will continue to promote justice for all.

8. **Recap of Board Retreat** – Dorian discussed the results of the board retreat. Theresa will send a doodle out to determine a date to do the familiarity exercise.
9. **Proposed Anti-API violence statement** – On behalf of the DEI committee SC Selleck presented an Anti-API violence statement.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the following statement against Anti-API violence. The motion passed with 14 in favor and 3 opposed.

Since the onset of COVID-19, xenophobic statements and racial slurs directed at members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have escalated to acts of terror and physical violence. Recently, there has been a horrific rise in the frequency, brazenness, and brutality of these crimes, many of which have been perpetrated against the elderly in the AAPI community. The recent shootings resulting in the deaths of eight people in Atlanta, including six women of AAPI descent, highlight the increasingly abhorrent seriousness and dangerousness of the current climate.

The CCCBA wholeheartedly condemns a culture that promotes people who perpetrate any acts of terror, hatred, and violence, and remains committed to promoting diversity and inclusion among its membership and the community at large. An environment of greater compassion and inclusion can and will have a real impact on preventing future acts of terror like the Atlanta killings and the attacks against elderly AAPI in our community. Please join us in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion to combat further acts of violence on the AAPI community

Dorian adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm