

MINUTES
Contra Costa County Bar Association
Board Meeting
January 11, 2023
In person and via Zoom

Board Members Present: David Erb, David Pearson, Sutter Selleck, Mike Pierson, Ericka McKenna, Dorian Peters, Patanisha Davis Pierson, Dean Christopherson, David Ratner, Marta Vanegas, Ann Battin, Ariel Lee, Jonathan Lee, Terry Leoni, Andrew Verriere

Absent:

Staff: Jody Iorns, Executive Director, Anne Wolf, Director Education & Events

Guests: Shaun Jacobs, Chair of the conference of California

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

Guest Presenter:

Shaun Jacobs, Chair of the conference of California Bar Associations talked about CCBA, its history and the mission of the organization. She is the new Chair and working to rebuild the organization now that the shutdown has ended. Ariel Lee and Patanisha Davis Pierson shared how they were involved in the past and volunteered to rebuild a delegation from CCCBA.

New Business

1. **Port Chicago Petition Concerns:** David discussed the two email concerns that the CCCBA office received. Jonathan Lee, Chair of the Port Chicago Task Force, shared his thoughts on the emails as well. David acknowledged that Jody had advised the two email authors that the concerns would be addressed by the Board. No further action was deemed to be necessary.
2. **2023 Budget Proposal:** Mike Pierson reviewed the proposed 2023 CCCBA Budget as well as the 2022 year-end projections. Due to the dues increase passed in June of 2022, the budget realized an unexpected \$125K increase in income which translated the organization ending the year with a surplus rather than a deficit. Discussion regarding the proposed 2023 budget was held. S. Selleck moved and Andy V. seconded that the proposed 2023 CCCBA Budget be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **State Bar MCLE Proposal/Disaster MCLE Letter Sign on request:** Jody shared the background of the proposal by the Alameda County Bar Association's request that CCCBA sign on to their proposed letter supporting the establishment of Disaster MCLE. The Board did agree that the intent to have the legal community be more involved and aware of disaster preparedness is a good idea, they do not believe that required MCLE should be tied to that type of awareness. Rather than formalized MCLE, the Board discussed the role that the State Bar could play in offering free training to get the same information to the community. After lengthy discussion, D. Ratner moved and A. Verriere seconded that the CCCBA decline to join in with this letter.

President Report:

1. BOD Retreat Summary – David thanked everyone who was able to attend in person and those who joined remotely during the formal program on Saturday. The event was a great success with a fantastic moderator, Tristan Higgins. David reviewed some of the conclusions and ideas generated by the Board during the strategic planning portion of the retreat.
2. Bench-Bar Executive Meeting ideas – David requested topic ideas that the Board would like to see discussed at the next Bench-Bar meeting to be held in February. A list was compiled to be addressed at the next meeting.
3. Handouts – David discussed the various handouts provided to the Board including the Committee assignments; Section Liaison assignments; Board Contact List and 2023 Calendar of events. Minor corrections were offered to J. Iorns to update and redistribute.

Executive Director's Report:

1. 2022 recap:
Jody reviewed the LRIS statistics, financial report and programs for 2022. Despite the changes and uncertainty regarding COVID and various safety issues in terms of activities/events, CCCBA experienced good attendance and strong support.'
2. 2023 Bar Fund Outreach discussion – In preparation for the 2023 The Bar Fund event, Jody requested that Board members share any organizations that they think would be good ones to outreach to to apply to be recipients for this year's event.
3. Upcoming Events: Jody outlined the upcoming events and encouraged the Board to register for the Installation Luncheon. Reminder that the 2023 Board photograph will be taken at the event.
4. Conflict of Interest Form – Jody had extra forms for the Board members who had not yet provided their form.

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of November 12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes – David called for any changes/amendments to the Minutes as presented. Hearing none, A. Verriere moved and D. Pearson seconded the minutes be approved as presented. 13 yes; 2 abstentions – motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSSION

David excused all guests and any Board members who have either applied to be a Judge and/or might be considering doing so within the next 5 years. He then closed the meeting to an Executive Session.

David adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm