

MINUTES
Contra Costa County Bar Association
Board Meeting
November 2, 2022
In person and via Zoom

Board Members Present: Ericka McKenna, David Erb, David Pearson, Sutter Selleck, Dorian Peters, Qiana Washington, Craig Nevin, Mike Pierson, Patanisha Davis Pierson, Dean Christopherson, David Ratner, Marta Vanegas

Absent: Terry Leoni, Andrew Verriere

Staff: Jody Iorns, Executive Director

Guests: Stuart Gillam, Rex Crandall

Call to Order: Ericka called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Old Business:

1. **E-Filing:** Ericka shared with the Board some feedback from Kate Biecker about the intention of the Board to solicit input from the community about challenges with e-filing. After an extensive conversation, S. Selleck moved and D. Pearson seconded to table the solicitation of our members regarding e-filing. 15 voted in favor, one opposed. Motion passed.

Ericka introduced and welcomed Rex Crandall who attended the meeting as a guest.

New Business

1. **Election Results:** Ericka announced that Ann Battin and Ariel Lee Brownell were elected to the 2023 CCCBA Board of Directors.
2. **DOBBS Position Statement Email Correspondence:** Ericka shared an email received from a member of the community regarding the DOBBS Position Statement passed and shared with the community in early July. The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of the Board making statements and reviewed some of the background in coming to the decision. J. Lee shared that he has a working relationship with the concerned member and offered to reach out on behalf of the Board. D. Ratner moved and M. Vanegas seconded that J. Lee reach out to the community member who emailed with concerns. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Communications Committee:** S. Selleck gave an update on the progress and challenges in getting our website to appropriate accessibility. A potential expense of \$1,500 may be recommended for consideration to ensure that we are as compliant as possible with current laws regarding website accessibility. The Board discussed other options, potential liability, and pros/cons of various options. S. Selleck to continue to work with the Committee and the CCCBA Staff. An additional issue that was discussed was the unknown level of accessibility of ITOD, the CCCBA database that supports almost every facet of the work that CCCBA does. Suggestion to have a site analysis to discern to what extent our members engage with ITOD. This information will inform to what degree and level of accessibility the organization should seek to achieve.

Committee Reports:

2. Finance – Sutter gave an overview of the September/3d Quarter 2022 finance report. Jody explained that the layout provided is a different one than had been used in the past. The report aims to be more concise and focused. Board invited to ask additional questions or request a different format if so preferred.
3. Committee Reports – Ericka directed the Board to read and review the Committee Reports that were included with the Board Packet.
4. Section Reports – A few of the Section Reports were provided in the Board Packet. D. Erb reported that the Family Law Section is doing well. M. Vanegas reported that the Business Law Section is also doing well with 6 events and current outreach for next year leadership.

Announcements:

1. Executive Director's Report:
 - MCLE Spectacular – will have a lower attendance than in years past, but not unusual as this is the trend experienced throughout various Associations. Encouraged BOD members to register if they had not yet done so.
 - Board Retreat – 12/3/22 will be at the Portola Hotel & Spa in Monterey. Jody and David E. gave an overview of the program. Jody to send out sign-up sheet for hotel rooms within the next day.
2. THANK YOU – S. Selleck thanked Ericka McKenna for her outstanding leadership as President. In addition, thanks and appreciation were extended to Qiana Washington and Craig Nevin, both of whom will not be returning to the CCCBA Board of Directors in 2023.

Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of October 12, 2022 Board Meeting minutes – Ericka called for any changes/amendments to the Minutes as presented. Hearing none, Minutes were approved as presented.

Ericka adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm