

MINUTES

Contra Costa County Bar Association

Board Meeting

April 3, 2024

Zoom

Board Members Present: David Pearson, Mike Pierson, Pa'tanisha Pierson*, Ericka McKenna, Dean Christopherson, Ann Battin, Ray Robinson, Jonathan Lee, Ariel Lee, Terry Leoni, Sutter Selleck

**P. Pierson serves on the CCCBA Board of Directors in her individual capacity and not as an official representative of the City of Brentwood.*

Board Members Absent: David Erb, Dorian Peters, Punita Bhasin

Guest: Shaamini Babu, Esq.

Staff: Jody Iorns, Executive Director

Board Meeting Call to Order: D. Pearson called the Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm

New Business

Peace Vigil: D. Pearson welcomed Shaamini Babu, Esq. to the meeting and asked her to review the information about the Peace Vigil. Ms. Babu explained that she was working to coordinate a Peace Vigil with local bay area Bar Associations to provide a place and time that members of the community can gather to advocate for children safety, especially in light of the Israel/Palestinian conflict. She expressed the idea that “the message to protect children is louder and more impactful when there are more advocates.” Discussion was held regarding this idea and it was offered that, if this were to happen, that the message go beyond the current conflict in Israel and Palestine, and to include all of the other areas in the world in which conflict is happening and children are unsafe. Ms. Babu did not make a direct ask of the Board of Directors at this time.

In Person Board Meetings – D. Pearson explained to the Board that some Board members are frustrated at the lack of attendance to in-person meetings. Some work diligently to be in person and when few show up, feel there is futility in the effort. Further, one Board member expressed frustration that this meeting was moved last-minute to Zoom only after making significant scheduling decisions to ensure they could attend in person. Further, it was noted that, as per the bylaws, we are to be meeting at the CCCBA Offices and that is what we advise the community so that, if they would like to, they can also attend. No formal motion was made, but by consensus the Board did agree to be more intentional about responding to J. Iorns with their attendance intention (by zoom or in-person).

Calls for Self-Nominations – J. Iorns advised the Board that the nomination process for new Board Members is open and folks are encouraged to reach out to interested members to apply. A question was raised about which Board Members’ terms are coming to an end this year. J. Iorns looked at the records and identified that D. Christopherson and J. Lee 1st terms are ending this year.

Old Business

CCJFA Bylaws & related paperwork: D. Pearson referred to the paperwork that was included in the Board packet as requested at the last meeting.

Laura Ramsey Memorial Activities: E. McKenna gave brief update and advised is working with S. Selleck on drafting the language for use in CCCBA outreach and support efforts. Further, Laura’s old firm is holding a memorial service for Laura on Saturday, May 18, 2024

State Bar Dues Increase – J. Iorns reported an update that the State Bar Dues Increase townhall is set for June 13, 2024.

(Old Business cont.)

Solano/Contra Costa County Bar event feedback – T. Leoni reported on the great event held in Solano as a joint venture between Solano County Bar Association and CCCBA. The event was well attended, and the Membership/Social committee is looking to do something similar for the Minority Bar Coalition.

Bar leaders Institute: J. Iorns reported in S. Selleck's absence that the BLI event was a great experience again this year.

Reports

90th Anniversary Gala: J. Iorns shared that as of this meeting date we have 45 sponsors and are VERY close to selling out. In addition, we have brought in \$131,500 in sponsorships, tickets and ad sales. We have the potential of selling out, so please encourage folks you know who want to attend to secure tickets ASAP!

Finance Committee: P. Pierson referred to the Quarterly Financial Statements in the packet and explained that, due to the timing of the Board meeting, the reports that the Board receives will be based on unreconciled numbers. No objection was made to that clarity.

Section and Committee Reports – included in Board Packet.

Announcements

Farmer's Market Event – hosted by Wellness Committee and is SOLD OUT!

Solo Summit: T. Leoni announced the upcoming Solo Summit in May.

Juneteenth Event: P. Pierson shared with the Board the current planning and vision for the Juneteenth event to be held on 6/9/24 at Pleasant Hill Park.

Consent Calendar

S. Selleck moved and P. Pierson Seconded to approve Macy 1, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.