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# **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**9 a.m. ■ Saturday, January 16, 2016**  
**JW Marriott New Orleans**

*President Mark A. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.*

**I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary**

*Ms. Mire confirmed that a quorum was present.*

**II. Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates**

*Mr. Cunningham reported that there were no deceased members to recognize.*

**General Session**

**III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House \***

*Mr. Cunningham reported that there were no reports of Standing Committees of the House.*

**IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association \***

**1. Mark A. Cunningham, President**

*Mr. Cunningham reported on a number of issues including SOLACE, JLAP and the LSBA's financial commitment to same, the online Tech Center, criminal justice resources on LSBA.org, efforts to address the flat fee rule in a manner which balances the need to assist lawyers and protect the public interest, and the upcoming legislative session, including the Governor's assurances that he would not be proposing a sales tax on legal services.*

**2. Darrel J. Papillion, President-Elect**

*Mr. Papillion encouraged House members to attend the June 2016 Annual Meeting and Summer School for Lawyers and Judges at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort.*

3. Robert A. Kutcher, Treasurer  
*Mr. Kutcher waived his report.*
4. Alainna R. Mire, Secretary  
*Ms. Mire waived her report.*

*There were no additional oral reports. Any written reports were distributed to House members via email in advance of the meeting.*

- V. **Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association\***  
*There were no oral reports. Any written reports were distributed to House members via email in advance of the meeting.*

- VI. **Other Reports\***  
*There were no other reports.*

### **Activities of the House of Delegates**

- VII. **Old Business**  
*There was no old business to come before the House.*

VIII. **Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Meeting of the House of Delegates, held in Destin, Florida.

*House members Andrew R. Lee and Francis J. Barry, Jr., both of Orleans Parish, advised that they were in attendance at the June 2015 meeting and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect these corrections. Upon motion and second the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.*

IX. **Elections**

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2016 Annual Meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2019 Annual

Meeting. This member shall be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 20<sup>th</sup> through 42<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Districts.

*The House elected Sandra K. Cosby of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to this position.*

2. Election, from the three Liaison Committee members, of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2016-2017, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2016 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

*The House elected Julie Baxter Payer of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to this position.*

3. Election of a member of the House of Delegates to serve the remaining year of Dona Renegar's term on the Budget Committee (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017), due to Ms. Renegar's election as President-Elect for 2016-2017.

*The House elected Daniel A. Cavell of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District to this position.*

## **X. Resolutions**

### **Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Resolutions**

1. Resolution to amend the Standards for Appellate Practice.

*Upon motion and second, the House approved the resolution.*

2. Resolution to amend the Standards for Estate Planning and Administration.

*Upon motion and second, the House approved the resolution.*

3. Resolution to amend the Standards for Tax Law.

*Upon motion and second, the House approved the resolution.*

### **Committee Resolutions**

4. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to amend Article X, Section 1 of the Louisiana State Bar Association Bylaws to add Bar Governance as a standing committee.

*Upon motion and second, the House unanimously approved the resolution.*

5. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to amend Article X, Section 1 of the Louisiana State Bar Association Bylaws to add Outreach as a standing committee.

*Upon motion and second, the House unanimously approved the resolution.*

6. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to amend Article X, Section 1 (5) of the Louisiana State Bar Association Bylaws regarding Legislation Committee composition to remove the language limiting the number of House of Delegates representatives from any single judicial district.

*After amending to retain and modify the language in question (as shown below), the House approved the resolution.*

The House of Delegates shall elect its committee members at its June meeting for terms that commence on July 1 immediately following the election. To ensure geographically diverse representation, there shall be no more than ~~three (3)~~ four (4) House of Delegates representatives from a judicial district at any given time.

### **Member Resolution**

7. Resolution from 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Delegates Charles C. Bourque, Jr. directing LSBA to develop and implement a public information and media strategy that would permit the organization to respond to unwarranted attacks on the profession and the judiciary.

*The House defeated this resolution by a vote of 82 to 70.*

### **XI. Other Business**

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.

*There was no further business to come before the House.*

*Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.*