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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
12:30 p.m. ■ Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Miramar Beach, Florida

*** MINUTES ***

President Shayna L. Sonnier called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m., on June 5, 2024 in Miramar Beach, Florida.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

Ms. Larsen called roll and advised that the following members, who constituted a quorum, were present:

President, Shayna L. Sonnier
President-Elect, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Treasurer, Larry J. Centola III
Secretary, Valerie T. Schexnayder
Immediate Past President, Stephen I. Dwyer
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Senée D. Hall
First Board District Representative, J. Christopher Zainey, Jr.
First Board District Representative, Graham H. Ryan
Third Board District Representative, Melanie W. Chatagnier
Fifth Board District Representative, Carrie LeBlanc Jones
Sixth Board District Representative, Charles D. Elliott
Seventh Board District Representative, W. Michael Street
Eighth Board District Representative, Curtis R. Joseph, Jr.
At-Large Member, Jeffrey A. Riggs
At-Large Member, L. Bradley Hancock
From the Faculty of Loyola University College of Law, Monica Hof Wallace
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, André Douget
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Keenan K. Kelly
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Shannon Seiler Dartez

Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, Edward J. Walters, Jr.
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

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Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere
Communications Director, Kelly W. Ponder
Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre
Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Second Board District Representative, Jeffrey G. Lagarde
Fourth Board District Representative, Adam P. Johnson
Fifth Board District Representative, Kelly M. Rabalais
At-Large Member, Blake R. David

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of minutes of the April 18 meeting in New Orleans.

Upon motion by Mr. Douget and second by Mr. Riggs, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Agenda Item 3. Section Reporting and Compliance – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier reviewed the sections' annual reports, noting that all sections were in compliance.

Agenda Item 4. Committee on Bar Admissions – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier asked the Board to consider the recommendation to the Louisiana Supreme Court the appointment of Nichole M. Buckle as a member of the Character and Fitness Panel for the Committee on Bar Admissions. Upon motion by Mr. Joseph and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Ms. Buckle.

Agenda Item 5. LCAF/JLAP MOU – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier reviewed the LCAF amendments to the draft MOU, noting that the Executive Committee had likewise reviewed and was recommending approval. Upon motion by Ms. Schexnayder and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MOU.

Agenda Item 6. Report of the President – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier expressed her gratitude to all Board members for their service throughout the year and told the Board that it had been his honor to serve with them during her term as President.

Agenda Item 7. Recognition of 2023/2024 Board Members – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier presented each Board member with a token of her appreciation for their service and presented certificates for those members whose terms on the Board were ending.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation – Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

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Mr. Talley presented Ms. Sonnier with a gift from the Board of Governors in appreciation for her service to the Association.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Valerie T. Schexnayder

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Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 24, 2024
NEW ORLEANS, LA**