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## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**1 p.m. ☞ Monday, June 2, 2014**

**Destin, Florida**

**\* MINUTES \***

President Richard K. Leefe called to order the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association at 2:10 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2014 in Destin, Florida. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

### **Agenda Item 1. Roll Call**

Present were:

President, Richard K. Leefe  
President-Elect, Joseph L. Shea, Jr.  
Secretary, Barry H. Grodsky  
Treasurer, Steven G. Durio  
Immediate Past President, John H. Musser IV  
Chair, Young Lawyers Section, Kyle A. Ferachi  
First Board District Representative, David W. Leefe  
Second Board District Representative, Stephen I. Dwyer  
Third Board District Representative, Dona K. Renegar  
Fourth Board District Representative, Shayna L. Sonnier  
Fifth Board District Representative, Michael E. Holoway  
Sixth Board District Representative, Robert G. Levy  
At-Large Member, Daniel A. Cavell  
At-Large Member, Mickey S. deLaup  
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Jeffrey A. Riggs  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Robert A. Kutcher

Also present were:

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE  
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky  
Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere  
Information Technology Director, Tony LaVerde

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Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre  
Executive Assistant, Mindi Hunter  
President-Elect Designee, Mark A. Cunningham

Absent were:

First Board District Representative, H. Minor Pipes III  
Seventh Board District Representative, Thomas M. Hayes III  
Eighth Board District Representative, Karelia R. Stewart  
At-Large Member, Julie H. Ferris  
From the Faculty of Tulane University Law School, Ronald J. Scalise  
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, Marguerite L. Adams

**Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar**

Upon motion by Mr. Musser and second by Mr. Cavell, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate:

**a. Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of approval of minutes of the April 11 and 12 meetings in New Orleans.

**Agenda Item 3. Section Reporting and Compliance – Richard K. Leefe**

Mr. Leefe reviewed the section reports and budgets which are required by the Association's Bylaws. After a brief discussion, Mr. Musser made the following motion, which was duly seconded:

Be it resolved that the seven sections which did not comply with mandatory reporting as set forth in the Bylaws be suspended and their ability to collect dues for 2014-2015 likewise be suspended.

Mr. Riggs moved to amend the motion to give those sections until July 31, 2014 to comply, and the motion to amend was duly seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment and then voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended.

**Agenda Item 4. Lawyers Assistance Program – Richard K. Leefe & Joseph L. Shea, Jr.**

Mr. Leefe presented an overview of the Lawyers Assistance Program and its relationship with the LSBA, including the LSBA's offer to increase its financial support contingent upon increased transparency regarding LAP's administrative and financial operations. Both Mr. Leefe and Mr. Shea stressed that the LSBA was aware of and respected LAP's need for confidentiality regarding the

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assistance provided through its program.

After some discussion, Mr. Cavell made the motion to defer this matter to the 2014/2015 Board, but this motion died for lack of a second.

There was additional discussion on this issue and then Mr. Musser made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Grodsky:

Be it resolved that the LSBA set aside \$100,000 from the FY 2013/2014 budget to provide to the Lawyers Assistance Program, with the remittance of such funds to be contingent upon the LSBA's satisfaction with LAP administrative and financial operations.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Agenda Item 5. Report of the President – Richard K. Leefe**

Mr. Leefe expressed his appreciation to the Board for their work on behalf of the Bar Association during his term as President.

**Agenda Item 6. Recognition of 2013/2014 Board Members – Richard K. Leefe**

Mr. Leefe presented all Board members with tokens of his appreciation and presented outgoing Board members with certificates commending their service to the organization.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation – Joseph L. Shea, Jr.**

Mr. Shea thanked Mr. Leefe for his leadership during 2013/2014 and presented to him a gift from the Board of Governors.

**Agenda Item 8. Other Matters**

There were no additional items for discussion or consideration

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:



Barry H. Grodsky  
Secretary

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AUGUST 23, 2014  
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