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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Friday, January 20 & 21, 2023

Baton Rouge, LA

*** MINUTES ***

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

President Stephen I. Dwyer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

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

President, Stephen I. Dwyer
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Also present were:

From the Leadership LSBA 2022/2023 Class:

Taylor B. Ashworth
Ashley M. Caruso
Monette M. Davis
Candace B. Ford
Conrad R. Huber
Kailey L. LeBoeuf
Bianca N. Moore
Daniel M. Olivier

President-Elect Designee, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

Secretary-Elect, Valerie Schexnayder

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky (by phone)

Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere

Communications Director, Kelly W. Ponder

Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre (by phone)

Executive Assistant, Jennifer France

Absent were:

Immediate Past President, H. Minor Pipes III

Second Board District Representative, Erin O. Braud

Eighth Board District Representative, Curtis R. Joseph, Jr.

From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

a. Minutes of November 11, 2022 Meeting – Consideration of approval of minutes of November 11, 2022 meeting.

b. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education – Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. David and second by Mr. Riggs, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 3. Budget Committee Recommendations – Larry J. Centola

Mr. Centola reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY 2022/2023 budget as recommended by the Budget Committee, which amendments resulted in a positive impact on the budget. Upon motion by Mr. Elliott and second by Mr. Nadeau, the Board unanimously approved the amendments as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of At-Large Appointment – Shayna L. Sonnier

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Ms. Sonnier asked for authorization from the Board to make her three-year at-large appointment, with Board ratification to follow at the Board's spring meeting. The position begins at the close of the 2023 Annual Meeting and ends at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Kelly, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Sonnier's request.

Agenda Item 5. Committee on Bar Admissions – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer reviewed the request from the Louisiana Supreme Court regarding \$10 per LSBA members to help fund operations of the Committee on Bar Admissions. After a lengthy discussion, and upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Mr. David, the Board voted unanimously to appoint a special committee to study this issue and make a report and recommendation to the full Board at its April 20, 2023 meeting. Mr. Dwyer advised he would appoint a small Board committee in the immediate future.

Agenda Item 6. Andrew Casanave Resolution – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier reviewed the resolution from Andrew Casanave asking the Board of Governors to adopt a policy in support of parity of funding (with district attorneys) both for the Louisiana Public Defender Board and for individual public defenders, including similar salaries, benefits, pension, support resources, and any other measures giving equity of support. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sternberg moved to table the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Riggs and unanimously approved by the Board.

Agenda Item 7. Fastcase Renewal – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen asked the Board to consider renewal of the Fastcase contract at the current rate for five more years as recommended by the Executive Committee. Upon motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Elliott, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Larsen's request.

Agenda Item 8. Review of House of Delegates Agenda – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer reviewed the House agenda and resolutions for the January 21, 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item 9. Election Report – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to the written report, noting no runoffs are required.

Agenda Item 10. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Shayna L. Sonnier

- a. Report on JLAP Operations
- b. Mandatory reporting to LSBA

Ms. Sonnier reported JLAP had submitted its mandatory reports to the LSBA and that third quarter funding had been released. She added that operations are going smoothly and that they are currently looking to fill the clinician vacancy.

Agenda Item 11. Lawyer Advertising – Stephen I. Dwyer

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At Mr. Dwyer's request, Ms. Grodsky reported that steps had been taken to address the Board's concerns about administration of the program, and that the new operating fee schedule had been implemented. She added that the handbook had been updated and was posted on LSBA.org.

Rules of Professional Conduct Committee and staff are addressing concerns and that the handbook

Agenda Item 12. Strategic Plan Update – Stephen I. Dwyer

Mr. Dwyer referred members to the updated strategic plan progress included in the materials.

Reports

Agenda Item 13. Report of the President – Stephen I. Dwyer

- a. **CLE Opportunities** – Announcement of upcoming programs:
 - **Dazzling Disney! A Multi-Topic CLE Seminar**
Monday, February 20 – Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (Mardi Gras)
Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
[LSBA Events and Seminars](#)
 - **Colors of Provence CLE Cruise**
Thursday, March 23 – Thursday, March 30, 2023
Avignon to Lyon aboard the AmaKristina
[LSBARhoneRiverCruise2023.pdf](#)
- b. **BOG Meeting** – Mr. Dwyer asked Board members to mark their calendar for the spring meeting to be held Thursday, April 20 in New Orleans. The LBF will host its annual Fellows Gala on Friday, April 21 in New Orleans. Board members will have the option of extending their hotel stays (at personal expense) to attend this event. Information will be sent to Board members no later than early February.
- c. **Inaugural Access to Justice Conclave** – Mr. Dwyer announced the event scheduled for Friday, March 3 at Louisiana Supreme Court, and expressed his hopes that this would become an annual event.
- d. **Magnificent Seven Free CLE Series** – Mr. Dwyer announced the expansion and rebranding of the free CLE series, which will include the Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- e. **2023 Annual Meeting and Summer School for Lawyers & Judges** – Mr. Dwyer announced the event will be held Sunday, June 4 through Friday, June 9 at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort.
- f. **Evening Events** – Mr. Dwyer reminded members about the Friday evening Reception Honoring 50, 60 and 70-Year Members and Joint Dinner with Louisiana Bar Foundation Board of Directors.
- g. **Other Matters** – Mr. Dwyer reported that he, Committee on the Profession Chair Barry Grodsky and Executive Director Loretta Larsen had met with the Supreme Court

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regarding making the Transition Into Practice (TIP) program mandatory, as previously approved by both the House of Delegates and Board of Governors.

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Agenda Item 14. Report of the President-Elect – Shayna L. Sonnier

Ms. Sonnier announced that the 2023-2024 Board of Governors/YLD Council Orientation would be held May 4 – 6, 2023, and asked returning Board members to mark their calendars.

Agenda Item 15. Report of the Treasurer – Larry J. Centola III

Mr. Centola waived his report, as all financial matters had been covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the Secretary – C.A. “Hap” Martin III

Mr. Martin reported that the Editorial Board meeting took place January 19 and that he continues to be impressed with the work of the Editorial Board and staff.

Agenda Item 17. Report of the Immediate Past President – H. Minor Pipes III

No report given as Mr. Pipes was absent.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Danielle L. Borel

Ms. Borel reported as follows:

- a. The YLD Professional Development Seminar was held virtually earlier in the day and that a number of excellent speakers presented to 114 participants;
- b. There was a Wills for Heroes event in Covington earlier in the day and another event is scheduled for Friday, February 3 in conjunction with the ABA Midyear Meeting in New Orleans;
- c. Planning for the 2023 Young Lawyers Conference is well underway and the YLD recently received a subgrant from ABA which will help offset conference expenses;
- d. The YLD will be voting on the young lawyer award winners at its meeting later today, which awards will be presented at the conference. Ms. Borel noted that the YLD leadership is especially excited about the new Top 40 Award, adding that there were 69 nominations for the 40 spots.
- e. The YLD has been growing its Level Up Learning initiative. They have been working with sections to continue to add more events to give skills training to young lawyers statewide; and
- f. The YLD has two resolutions on the January 21 House agenda, and asked Board members for their support.

Agenda Item 19. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen asked members to submit their preferential housing forms to Kristin Durand before the February 17 deadline.

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Agenda Item 20. Report of the Associate Executive Director – Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Ms. Grodsky waived her report.

Agenda Item 21. Staff Report – ATJ, Monte Mollere
Mr. Mollere referred the Board to his written report and asked members to submit nominations for the ProBono Awards before the deadline of February 9.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

President Dwyer reconvened the Board at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2023, immediately following the adjournment of the House of Delegates meeting. The following Board members participated:

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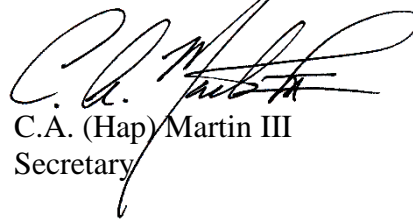
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Upon motion by Mr. Sternberg and second by Ms. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to ratify all action of the House of Delegates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



C.A. (Hap) Martin III
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
APRIL 20, 2023
NEW ORLEANS, LA**