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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Monday, June 8, 2015

Destin, Florida

*** MINUTES ***

President Joseph L. Shea, Jr. called to order the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association at 2:15 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 in Destin, Florida. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call**

Present were:

President, Joseph L. Shea, Jr.

President-Elect, Mark A. Cunningham

Secretary, Barry H. Grodsky

Treasurer, Robert A. Kutcher

Immediate Past President, Richard K. Leefe

Chair, Young Lawyers Division, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.

First Board District Representative, David W. Leefe

First Board District Representative, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

Second Board District Representative, John E. McAuliffe, Jr.

Third Board District Representative, Blake R. David

Fourth Board District Representative, Shayna L. Sonnier

Fifth Board District Representative, Michael E. Holoway

Eighth Board District Representative, Katherine S. Baker

At-Large Member, Mickey S. deLaup

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

From the Faculty of Tulane University Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.

From the Louisiana State Law Institute, Marguerite L. Adams

House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Alainna Mire

House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, S. Jacob Braud

House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby

President-Elect Designee, Darrel J. Papillion

Also present were:

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere
Communications Director, Kelly Wells Ponder
Information Technology Director, Tony LaVerde
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre
Executive Assistant, Mindi Hunter

Absent were:

Fifth Board District Representative, C. Kevin Hayes
Sixth Board District Representative, Robert G. Levy
Seventh Board District Representative, Thomas M. Hayes III
At-Large Member, Julie H. Ferris
From the Faculty of Tulane University Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, Marguerite L. Adams

2. **Consent Calendar**

Agenda items which the President believes will not be substantially opposed may be included on the consent calendar. Consideration of the consent calendar must be made a special order and all items on it shall be moved for approval without debate. By request of any Board member, any item on the consent calendar shall be removed and made the subject of discussion and/or debate.

a. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of minutes of the April 24 and 25 meetings in New Orleans.

The Board unanimously approved the consent calendar without discussion or debate.

3. **Section Reporting and Compliance – Joseph L. Shea, Jr.**

Mr. Shea reviewed the section compliance report and noted that two sections were not in compliance: Consumer Protection & Bankruptcy Law, which submitted neither a report nor a budget; and Solo & Small Firms, which submitted a report but no budget. He also noted that two sections which were suspended in 2015 for lack of compliance – Criminal Law and International Law – had complied and would be reactivated.

After some discussion and upon motion by Mr. Kutcher and second by Mr. Holoway, the Board voted unanimously to notify the Consumer Protection and Bankruptcy Law Section that it would be suspended if it failed to make the required filings by July 31, 2015.

After some discussion and upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Mr. Leefe, the Board voted unanimously to notify the Solo & Small Firms Section that it would be suspended if it failed to submit a budget by July 31, 2015.

4. **Amendment to Expense Reimbursement Policy – Mark A. Cunningham**

Mr. Cunningham advised that one of the President's duties was to attend the Opening of Court Ceremony in France. He reported that the coach seating for this trans-Atlantic flight

was extremely uncomfortable and asked that the Board consider amending the expense reimbursement policies to allow for business class air travel for this meeting only. After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. Hoffoss and second by Mr. Church, the Board voted unanimously to approve adding the following language to the policy:

When the President is representing the LSBA at the Opening of Court in France, business class airfare may be reimbursed.

5. **Report of the President – Joseph L. Shea, Jr.**

Mr. Shea expressed his greatest appreciation to members of the Board and staff for their invaluable assistance during his term as President.

6. **Recognition of 2014/2015 Board Members – Joseph L. Shea, Jr.**

Mr. Shea presented Board members with tokens of his appreciation, and presented certificates to all outgoing Board members.

7. **Presentation – Mark A. Cunningham**

Mr. Cunningham thanked both Mr. and Mrs. Shea for their exemplary service to the LSBA during Mr. Shea's term as President. He then presented Mr. Shea with a gift from the Board.

8. **Other Matters**

Mr. Shea advised the Board that the New Orleans Times-Picayune/NOLA.com had reported a number of negative comments by the Orleans Parish District Attorney about a judge who presided over a trial where the DA was critical of the outcome. Mr. Shea further advised that the Executive Committee had convened to discuss this issue and voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that he be authorized to write a letter to the editor explaining that the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits judges from responding to such criticism.

After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. Church and second by Mr. Kutcher, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Shea to write such a letter in his capacity as LSBA President.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Barry H. Grodsky
Secretary

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 22, 2015
NEW ORLEANS, LA