

Louisiana State Bar Association
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Noon ♦ Friday, September 17, 2010
Louisiana Bar Center ♦ New Orleans

MINUTES

Committee Chair S. Guy deLaup called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., Friday, September 17 at the Louisiana Bar Center in New Orleans. The following participated:

Chair, S. Guy deLaup
Vice Chair, Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker
Richard L. Becker (by phone)
Joseph L. Caverly
Val P. Exnicios
Trent A. Garrett, Sr. (by phone)
Barry H. Grodsky
C. Kevin Hayes (by phone)
Jay M. Jalenak, Jr. (by phone)
Yolanda Denise Montgomery (by phone)
John H. Musser IV
Jeffrey A. Riggs (by phone)
Valerie T. Schexnayder (by phone)
Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Sharonda R. Williams (by phone)
President, Michael A. Patterson
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

Also participating were:

Senior Lawyers Committee Chair and Board of Governors Member, Richard K. Leefe
Access to Justice Committee Chair, Marta-Ann Schnabel

The following did not participate:

Beth E. Abramson
Robert L. Bussey
Paula Hartley Clayton
Edmund J. Giering IV
W. Jay Luneau
Charles M. Raymond
Phillip A. Wittmann
Board of Governors Liaison, Lawrence P. Simon, Jr.

The meeting was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

Mr. deLaup announced that a quorum was present.

2. 2010/2011 Action Plan

Mr. deLaup reviewed the Action Plan with committee members.

3. House of Delegates Issues

a. Terms for HOD Liaison Committee Members

Mr. Riggs spoke to this issue and advised that at its meeting in September 2009, the Bar Governance Committee approved the concept of increasing in some manner the terms of Liaison Committee members, which approval was to be subject to reconsideration by the committee once the final language was developed. Mr. deLaup then explained the current structure. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hayes agreed to work with Mr. Riggs on the language and to bring it to the committee for consideration at its next meeting.

b. Size of House of Delegates

Mr. deLaup introduced this issue and advised that he was asked by President Patterson to bring this before the committee. Mr. Patterson explained that each year the president must attempt to appoint a large number of individuals to HOD positions for which no one qualified. After a lengthy discussion the committee concluded that it should present a resolution to the House of Delegates in January 2011 to:

- Propose amendment to Article VIII, Section 3 of the Articles of Incorporation to change, in the final sentence, the word “shall” to “shall use reasonable effort.”*
- Propose amendment to Rule VI of the Rules of the House to clarify how a quorum is constituted.*

c. Communicating Electronically Instead of by U.S. Mail

Mr. deLaup introduced this issue and advised that the annual cost of mailing to the House of Delegates is between \$8,000 and \$10,000. After a brief discussion and upon motion and second, the committee voted unanimously to propose amendment to the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure to allow electronic transmittal of the notices, agenda, resolutions, etc.

d. Review of and Possible Changes to HOD Rules of Procedure

Mr. deLaup advised that these Rules had not been reviewed in a number of years. After a brief discussion, Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Larsen

volunteered to assist Mr. deLaup with such a review and to report back to the committee at its next meeting.

e. Other

There were no additional items related to the House of Delegates

4. Committee Membership

- a. Limited Terms
- b. Removal of Inactive Members
- c. Other

Mr. deLaup advised that this issue was being addressed at the request of President Mike Patterson. Among the issues discussed were a mechanism (either official or unofficial) to facilitate turnover of committee members and ensuring young lawyer participation in committees. The committee took no specific action but agreed to keep it on the agenda for discussion at future meetings.

5. Board of Governors District Representatives

The previously appointed subcommittee, with two additions, said it would review the Board composition with specific emphasis on the district representatives. The members of that group (originally appointed two years ago) are:

Charles M. Raymond, Chair

Paula L. Hartley Clayton

Edmund Jay Giering IV

Jay M. Jalenak, Jr.

Jeffrey A. Riggs

Valerie T. Schexnayder

Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

6. Seasoned/Senior Attorneys

- a. Special Membership Status
- b. Other

Mr. Leefe reported on the efforts of the Senior Lawyers Committee.

7. Access to Justice Committee

Ms. Schnabel gave an overview of the committee and its structure and advised of its dual responsibilities of policy and programming. She further explained that for the past two years the LSBA has dealt with these dual responsibilities by having both an Access to Justice Committee (standing) and an Access to Justice Policy Committee. She indicated that she would like to bring before

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the House of Delegates in January 2011 a resolution which would amend the Bylaws to create two separate committees: the Access to Justice Policy Committee and the Access to Justice Community Committee.

After some discussion, the Bar Governance Committee, upon motion by Ms. Hamilton-Acker and second by Mr. Exnicios, voted to embrace this concept and work with the Access to Justice Committee to bring a resolution to the House of Delegates in January 2011.

8. Other Matters

There were no other matters to come before the committee.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loretta Larsen".

Loretta Larsen, CAE
Executive Director

**APPROVED BY BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5, 2010
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