

Louisiana State Bar Association
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Noon ♦ Friday, September 18, 2009
Louisiana Bar Center ♦ New Orleans

MINUTES

Committee Chair S. Guy deLaup called the meeting to order at noon, Friday, September 18 at the Louisiana Bar Center. The following participated:

S. Guy deLaup, Chair
Robert L. Bussey, by phone
Paula L. Harley Clayton, by phone
Trent Anthony Garrett, Sr., by phone
Edmund Jacob Giering IV, by phone
Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker
C. Kevin Hayes
Jay M. Jalenak, Jr., by phone
W. Jay Luneau, by phone
John H. Musser IV
Charles M. Raymond
Jeffrey A. Riggs, by phone
Valerie T. Schexnayder, by phone
Sharonda R. Williams

Also participating:
Beth E. Abramson, Board of Governors Liaison
Loretta Larsen, Executive Director

The following members did not participate:
Richard L. Becker
Joseph L. Caverly
Paul B. Deal
Val P. Exnicios
Phillip A. Wittmann

Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

Agenda

- 1. Welcoming Remarks and Mission Review – S. Guy deLaup**
Mr. deLaup welcomed committee members, thanked them for their service and reviewed the committee's mission and action plan for 2009/2010.

2. Status of 2008/2009 Initiatives

a. Law Student Membership Resolution

Mr. deLaup reported that this had been approved by the House of Delegates and would be considered by the membership during the 2009/2010 elections.

b. Legislation Resolutions

Mr. deLaup reported that these had been approved by the House of Delegates as submitted and that one provision would be considered by the membership during the 2009/2010 elections.

c. Registered Agent Resolution

Mr. deLaup reported that this had been approved by the House of Delegates and would be considered by the membership during the 2009/2010 elections.

d. LSBA /Sections Relationship Subcommittee

Mr. deLaup reported that this group would meet in the immediate future to develop a resolution for consideration by the House of Delegates. There was a considerable amount of discussion on this issue ranging from the level of section activity to section finances to whether or not sections should be allowed to lobby independent of the Association. All of these matters will be considered by the Subcommittee, which will report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

e. BOG District Representatives Subcommittee

There was some discussion regarding the LSBA's pre- and post-Katrina membership, all of which was referred to the subcommittee for consideration.

3. House of Delegates Liaison Committee

Mr. Riggs reported that the Liaison Committee is currently comprised of a chair (voting) and two members (non-voting), all of whom serve one-year terms. He indicated that the length of the terms is insufficient, as it takes time to understand the Board of Governors' operations. There was some discussion on this issue, with some members expressing the opinion that the current system allows for more participation in the process and others agreeing that longer terms may enable more meaningful participation. At the request of Mr. Riggs, Mr. deLaup called for a vote on whether the members were philosophically in favor of increasing in some manner the terms of Liaison Committee members, subject to the reconsideration once the final language is developed. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 4. Upon further discussion, Mr. Riggs suggested that the composition be amended to reflect one of the three members being elected each year for a three-year term (resulting in staggered terms), with the most senior member serving as chair for that year. Mr. Larsen was asked to draft the language for final review by the committee at its December meeting.

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4. Dues Category for Retired Lawyers

After some discussion the committee determined, with Ms. Hamilton-Acker opposing, that such a dues category was not feasible due to administrative issues, but that members in these situations should be encouraged to apply for dues waivers if finances warrant.

5. Military Law Committee Recommendations

After a brief discussion, this matter was tabled until the next meeting, and referred to a subcommittee comprised of Mr. Musser and Mr. Riggs for further consideration and report.

6. Art, Entertainment and Sports Law Section Bylaws

In the interest of time, this matter was tabled.

7. Other Matters

There were no other matters for consideration by the committee.

Adjourn

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

**APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
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