The House of Delegates was convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2004, in the Baytowne Conference Center of Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Sandestin, Florida.

I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary.

After reviewing the delegate check-in roster, Secretary James R. McClelland determined that a quorum was present. A copy of the attendance roster is attached as an addendum to these Minutes. President Wayne J. Lee declared the meeting to be in session.

II. Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates.

The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Bat P. Sullivan.

III. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the January 24 and May 1 Meetings of the House of Delegates.

The following motion was made:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 24 and May 1 Meetings of the House of Delegates are approved.”

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association.*

a. Legislation Committee Report.
President-Elect Michael W. McKay presented a brief report on behalf of the committee and referred the House to a written report prepared by the LSBA lobbyist.

V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association.*

a. Report by Committee on Codes of Lawyer and Judicial Conduct on Status of Malpractice Insurance.
A written report was distributed to the House with a request that any comments be sent to the committee chair.

* Unless otherwise noted, reports will be filed without being read.
VI. **Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to consider.

VII. **New Business:**

1. **Election of a member from the House of Delegates to serve on the Budget Committee.**

   The following motion was made:

   “BE IT RESOLVED, that Darrel J. Papillion of the 19th Judicial District serve as a member of the Budget Committee.”

   The motion was seconded and the following motion was made by Ralph Brewer:

   “BE IT RESOLVED, that E. Wade Shows of the 19th Judicial District serve as a member of the Budget Committee.”

   Mr. Shows withdrew his nomination and a motion was made to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and adopted. Mr. Papillion was then declared elected as a member of the Budget Committee.

2. **Election of three (3) members of the House of Delegates to the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.** This committee was created by a resolution adopted by the House on November 13, 1971. The committee is composed of the president, president-elect, secretary, chair of the Public Information Committee, and three (3) members designated from the membership of the House of Delegates by the House of Delegates.

   The following motion was made by S. Guy deLaup:

   “BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas C. Cerullo of the 24th Judicial District serve as a member of the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.”
The motion was seconded and the following motion was made by Val P. Exnicios:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that Walter I. Willard of Orleans Parish serve as a member of the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.”

The motion was seconded and the following motion was made by Ralph Brewer:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael D. Ferachi of the 19th Judicial District serve as a member of the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.”

The motion was seconded and the following motion was made by E. Wade Shows:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that C. Frank Holthaus of the 19th Judicial District serve as a member of the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.”

Nominations were closed and the following were elected to serve on the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on behalf of the Association: Michael D. Ferachi of the 19th Judicial District, C. Frank Holthaus of the 19th Judicial District and Walter I. Willard of Orleans Parish.

3. Election of a member of the House of Delegates to serve, without vote, on the Committee on Continuing Legal Education (Mandatory CLE).

The following motion was made by Vincent P. Fornias:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that Alicia R. Hoover of the 19th Judicial District serve as a member of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education (Mandatory CLE).”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

4. Election of a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association to serve ex-officio as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Bar Foundation for a three-year term. This individual must be a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.
The following motion was made by John G. Swift:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas A. Casey, Jr. of Orleans Parish serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.


The following motion was made by Roy Raspanti:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from House of Delegates members to amend Rule 8.2 of the Rules of Professional Conduct and to establish a judicial campaign matching fund, a copy of which is attached, be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and the floor was open for discussion. A motion to table the resolution was made by Donald R. Abaunza and seconded. The motion was adopted.


The following motion was made by Walter I. Willard:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution creating the Art, Entertainment and Sports Law Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association, a copy of which is attached, be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

7. Resolution from the Legislation Committee proposing Bylaws changes with respect to the composition of the committee.

The following motion was made by Joseph R. Oelkers, III.:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Legislation Committee proposing Bylaws changes with respect to the composition of the committee, a copy of which is attached, be adopted.”
The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

The following motion was made:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Delegates be waived and accept for consideration a resolution not pre-filed.”

The motion was seconded and adopted.

8. Resolution from J. Lawrence Shea, Jr. proposing Bylaws amendments to create a standing committee called Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct with the Ethics Advisory Service Committee and the Public Access and Consumer Protection Committee as designated subcommittees and abolish the Advertising Advisory Service Committee.

The following motion was made by J. Lawrence Shea, Jr.:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution proposing Bylaws amendments to create a standing committee called Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct with the Ethics Advisory Service Committee and the Public Access and Consumer Protection Committee as designated subcommittees and abolish the Advertising Advisory Service Committee, a copy of which is attached, be adopted.”

The motion was seconded and the floor was open for discussion. A motion to table the resolution was made by Phillip A. Wittmann and seconded. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business before the House, President Lee declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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James R. McClelland
Secretary

Date