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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Miramar Beach, Florida

*** MINUTES ***

President Barry H. Grodsky called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., on June 5, 2019 in Miramar Beach, Florida.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

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

President, Barry H. Grodsky
President-Elect, Robert A. Kutcher
Secretary, John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Treasurer, Shayna L. Sonnier
Immediate Past President, Dona K. Renegar
Chair, Young Lawyers Division, Dylan T. Thriffiley
First Board District Representative, D. Skylar Rosenbloom
First Board District Representative, Darryl J. Foster
Second Board District Representative, Stephen I. Dwyer
Third Board District Representative, Shannon Seiler Dartz
Fifth Board District Representative, Edward J. Walters, Jr.
Fifth Board District Representative, Valerie T. Schexnayder
Sixth Board District Representative, Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.
Seventh Board District Representative, Paul L. Hurd
At-Large Member, Monique Y. Metoyer
At-Large Member, Lynn Luker
From the Faculty of LSU Law Center, John M. Church
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, L. Kent Breard, Jr.
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Sandra K. Cosby
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Jeffrey A. Riggs
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Shayna Beevers Morvant

Also present were:

President-Elect Designee, Alainna R. Mire
Secretary-Elect, Patrick A. Talley
Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE

Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere
Information Technology Director, Ashley Cambre
Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, Tricia R. Pierre
Executive Assistant, Jen France

Absent were:

Fourth Board District Representative, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.
Eighth Board District Representative, Patrick J. Harrington
At-Large Member, Jermaine Guillory
From the Faculty of Tulane University Law School, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.

Agenda Item 2. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of minutes of the April 26 and 27 meetings in Baton Rouge.

Upon motion by Mr. Dwyer and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.

Agenda Item 3. Section Reporting and Compliance – Barry H. Grodsky

Mr. Grodsky reviewed the sections' annual reports, noting that all sections except Criminal Law were in compliance. He added that the Criminal Law Section chair had resigned and that efforts were being made to identify new section leaders. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to delay action on the Criminal Law Section until the Board of Governors August meeting to give the section time to put new leadership in place and comply with reporting requirements.

Agenda Item 4. Strategic Plan – Barry H. Grodsky

Mr. Grodsky introduced the plan as finalized by staff. After a brief discussion and upon motion by Mr. Kutcher and second by Mr. McAuliffe, the Board unanimously approved the plan as prepared.

Agenda Item 5. Report of the President – Barry H. Grodsky

Mr. Grodsky thanked Board members for their service and said it was his honor to serve as President and work with such a talented and committed Board. He said that during his term, he relied on Board members' and other volunteers' servant leadership to accomplish a number of things:

- Adoption of strategic plan;
- Updating Code of Professionalism;
- Expansion of TIP program and implementation of spot mentoring;
- Expansion of regulatory functions, including creation of Receivership Panels, where the LSBA recruits, trains and appoints lawyers to handle these matters;
- Increased wellness programming; and
- Annual Meeting/Summer School scholarships for 13 young lawyers;

Mr. Grodsky also reported on the June 6 House of Delegates meeting, noting that:

- There were two late-filed resolutions – one from the Transitioning Lawyers Committee to create an emeritus status and one from the Intellectual Property Law Section to amend the section’s bylaws;
- There is a resolution on the agenda to require a 75 percent vote to adopt positions on pending legislation. He noted that this resolution would need to be amended, as the House no longer adopts positions on pending legislation but instead adopts policy positions which drive legislative positions; and
- There is a resolution on the agenda to suspend the Legislation Committee and all related activities pending the outcome of Fleck and other mandatory bar litigation.

Finally, Mr. Grodsky updated the Board on mandatory bar litigation, including the suit challenging the State Bar of Texas’ mandatory status.

Agenda Item 6. Recognition of 2018/2019 Board Members – Barry H. Grodsky

Mr. Grodsky presented each Board member with a token of his appreciation for their service and presented certificates for those members whose terms on the Board were ending.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation – Robert A. Kutcher

Mr. Kutcher presented Mr. Grodsky with a gift from the Board of Governors in appreciation for his service to the Association.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted:



John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Secretary

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 24, 2019
NEW ORLEANS, LA**