## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION January 12, 2008

The House of Delegates was convened at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2008, in the La Nouvelle Orleans and Bienville Ballrooms at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans.

### I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary.

After reviewing the delegate check-in roster, Secretary Mark A. Cunningham determined that a quorum was present. A copy of the attendance roster is attached as an addendum to these Minutes. President S. Guy deLaup declared the meeting to be in session.

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

President deLaup requested a moment of silence in memory of Past President Robert G. Pugh.

### III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House.

No oral reports were given; all reports that were in writing were submitted.

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

No oral reports were given; all reports that were in writing were submitted.

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

1. Bar Governance Committee
Larry Feldman, Jr., Chair, deferred the committee report, noting that President
deLaup would present the findings of the House of Delegates survey under
Old Business.

### VI. Presentation

Mr. H. Thomas Wells, Jr., President-Elect of the American Bar Association, spoke on the importance of maintaining and safeguarding the Rule of Law.

### VII. Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting of the House of Delegates.

The following motion was made:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting of the House of Delegates are approved."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### VIII. Old Business.

President deLaup reviewed the results of the House of Delegates survey conducted during the fall of 2007.

### VIX. New Business.

1. Election from the 20th through 40th Judicial Districts and Orleans Parish of a chairperson and two (2) members of the House of Delegates to the Liaison Committee of the House. Those elected will serve one-year terms (June 2008 through June 2009) and the chairperson will serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors and shall have the same rights and privileges of all other members of the Board, including the right to vote.

The following motion was made by Mickey S. deLaup:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert A. Kutcher of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District serve as chair of the Liaison Committee of the House of Delegates."

The motion was seconded. Nominations were closed and Robert A. Kutcher of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District was declared elected as Chair of the Liaison Committee to the House of Delegates.

The following motion was made:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Mary C. Devereux of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District serve as a member of the Liaison Committee of the House of Delegates."

The motion was seconded. The following motion was made:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Timothy E. Pujol of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District serve as a member of the Liaison Committee of the House of Delegates."

The motion was seconded. The following motion was made:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that George B. Recile of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District serve as a member of the Liaison Committee of the House of Delegates."

The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and Ms. Devereux of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District and Mr. Pujol of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District were elected to serve as members of the Liaison Committee of the House of Delegates.

2. Resolution from Access to Justice Committee regarding the development, implementation and coordination of assistance programs for self-represented litigants.

The following motion was made by Sheral C. Kellar:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Access to Justice Committee regarding the development, implementation and coordination of assistance programs for self-represented litigants, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and adopted.

3. Resolution from Bar Governance Committee proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

The following motion was made:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Bar Governance Committee proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana State Bar Association, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously.

4. Resolution from Bar Governance Committee proposing amendments to Articles IX and X of the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

The following motion was made by Larry Feldman, Jr.:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Bar Governance Committee proposing amendments to Articles IX and X of the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded. Ms. Triche offered a motion to amend language in Article X, Section 2(e) so that, as amended, the section would read, "Any action other than as recommended by the Legislation Committee shall require approval

of seventy-five percent (75%) of the participating Board members." The amendment was seconded. Following considerable discussion, a voice vote was taken and the amendment was adopted. Mr. Riggs then moved that Article X, Section 2(e) be amended to read, "Any action other than as recommended by the Legislation Committee shall require approval of a simple majority of the participating Board members." The motion did not receive a second. A delegate then moved that the vote on the amended resolution be conducted by roll call. The motion was supported by at least ten members and it was adopted. The roll call vote was conducted and the resolution was adopted by a vote of 128 in favor and 54 against. A copy of the roll call is attached to these minutes.

## 5. Resolution from Committee on Diversity recommending adoption of a Diversity Statement for the Louisiana State Bar Association.

The following motion was made by Wayne J. Lee:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Committee on Diversity recommending adoption of a Diversity Statement for the Louisiana State Bar Association, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

## 6. Resolution from the Government and Public Law Section proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Bylaws of the Section.

The following motion was made by Richard L. McGimsey:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Government and Public Law Section proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Bylaws of the Section, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

## 7. Resolution from Solo and Small Firms Section proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Bylaws of the Section.

The following motion was made by Faun Fenderson:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from the Solo and Small Firms Section proposing a restatement, in its entirety, of the Bylaws of the Section, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

8. Resolution from 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Delegate Richard M. John requiring all meetings of the LSBA House of Delegates to be held in the geographic confines of the State of Louisiana.

The following motion was made by Richard M. John:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Delegate Richard M. John requiring all meetings of the LSBA House of Delegates to be held in the geographic confines of the State of Louisiana, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded. Following discussion, Mr. Riggs moved to table the resolution and refer it to the Board of Governors for its consideration or to appoint a subcommittee to consider alternative methods for delegates to attend House meetings that are held out of state. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion to table was defeated by a vote of 87 in favor of the motion and 97 against. Discussion continued and a vote was taken on the original motion. The motion was defeated.

9. Resolution from member Ariel K. DiGiulio proposing creation of the Animal Law Section and adoption of bylaws of same.

The following motion was made by Betty Raglin:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from member Ariel K. DiGiulio proposing creation of the Animal Law Section and adoption of bylaws of same, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded. Ms. Raglin then requested the House grant Ms. DiGiulio the floor to address the merits of the resolution. The request was granted. Following Ms. DiGiulio's remarks a vote was taken and the motion was adopted.

10. Resolution from 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Delegate Elizabeth A. Alston urging the House of Delegates to recommend to the Supreme Court of Louisiana amendment of Rule 4.4(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Ms. Alston withdrew the resolution from consideration.

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11. Resolution from 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Delegate B. Scott Andrews proposing amendment of Article VIII, Section 4, of the Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana State Bar Association regarding House of Delegates attendance.

The following motion was made by B. Scott Andrews:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution from 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Delegate B. Scott Andrews proposing amendment of Article VIII, Section 4, of the Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana State Bar Association regarding House of Delegates attendance, a copy of which is attached, be adopted."

The motion was seconded and adopted.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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