

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
JUNE 10, 2004**

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President Wayne J. Lee called to order the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association at 1:40 p.m., Thursday, June 10, 2004, in Sandestin, Florida. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

**Agenda Item 1.      Roll Call.**

Present were:

President, Wayne J. Lee  
President-Elect, Michael W. McKay  
Secretary, James R. McClelland  
Treasurer, Frank X. Neuner, Jr.  
Immediate Past President, Larry Feldman, Jr.  
First Board District Representative, Elizabeth Haecker Ryan  
First Board District Representative, Darryl J. Foster  
Second Board District Representative, S. Guy deLaup  
Third Board District Representative, Shannon Seiler Dartez  
Fourth Board District Representative, Winfield E. Little, Jr.  
Fifth Board District Representative, E. Wade Shows  
Sixth Board District Representative, William M. Ford  
Seventh Board District Representative, Richard L. Fewell, Jr.  
Eighth Board District Representative, Edwin L. Blewer, Jr.  
At-Large Member, Preston J. Castille, Jr.  
At-Large Member, Sheral C. Kellar  
At-Large Member, Pamela W. Carter  
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North  
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, James A. Gray II  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Andrew Reed  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, John S. Coulter  
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Timothy A. Maragos

Also present were:

Executive Director, Loretta L. Topey  
Access to Justice Director, Monte T. Mollere  
Communications Director, Michele C. Norris  
Member Services Director, Judith W. Dugar  
Practice Assistance Counsel, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky  
Executive Assistant, Ramona K. Meyers

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Absent were:

Chair, Young Lawyers Section, Monique L. Svenson  
From the Faculty of Loyola University School of Law, Kathryn V. Lorio

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes.**

The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings held on April 30 and May 1, 2004 in Baton Rouge, were approved as prepared.

**Agenda Item 3. Budget Amendments.**

The Board unanimously approved the following amendments to FY 2003/04:

- g increase Dues income from \$1,731,000 to \$1,741,000;
- g increase Access to Justice income from \$116,000 to \$128,000;
- g decrease MCLE Fees income from \$298,000 to \$280,000;
- g increase Professional Responsibility Law Book income from -0- to \$11,000;
- g increase State Street Reimbursement from -0- to \$16,000;
- g increase President-Elect expenses from \$16,000 to \$20,000;
- g decrease Immediate Past President expenses from \$7,000 to \$6,000;
- g increase Board of Governors expenses from \$70,000 to \$80,000;
- g increase House of Delegates expenses from \$40,000 to \$48,000;
- g decrease Public Information Committee expenses from \$23,000 to \$18,000;
- g decrease Legislation Committee expenses from \$80,000 to \$50,000;
- g decrease Professionalism CLE Tapes expenses from \$3,500 to \$2,000;
- g decrease Web Site expenses from \$10,000 to \$7,000;
- g decrease Midyear Meeting expenses from \$30,000 to \$20,000;
- g decrease Law School for Non-Lawyers expenses from \$1,700 to \$700;
- g increase Nominations and Elections expenses from \$81,000 to \$92,100;
- g increase Professional Responsibility Law Book expenses from \$1,000 to \$20,000;
- g decrease Brown v. Board Program expenses from \$35,000 to \$25,000;
- g decrease Young Lawyers Section expenses from \$53,000 to \$45,000;
- g decrease Staff Parking expenses from \$24,480 to \$23,000;
- g decrease Staff Insurance expenses from \$84,620 to \$84,000;
- g increase Equipment Maintenance expenses from \$8,000 to \$21,000;
- g decrease Building Maintenance expenses from \$10,000 to \$8,000;
- g increase Insurance-Other expenses from \$28,000 to \$36,000;
- g decrease Office Rent expenses from \$394,330 to \$360,000;
- g decrease Database Management Software expenses from \$48,000 to \$27,000

**Agenda Item 4. Bar Center.**

President Lee informed the Board that the inspection report for structural integrity, mechanical, electrical, phase I environmental, pest and roof had been received and reviewed showing no immediate or significant need for repairs. He is recommending that the flooring in certain mechanical rooms be tested for asbestos, but believe it should interfere with the purchase of the building. He stated the purchase agreement had been signed by the LBF and LSBA and it is hoped the closing will occur before the end of the fiscal year. A motion was made and unanimously approved to ratify the actions taken by the Executive Committee to purchase the Louisiana Bar Center from the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

**Agenda Item 5. Report of the President.**

President Lee thanked the Board for their assistance during the year and acknowledged staff for their support.

**Agenda Item 6. Acknowledgments.**

President Lee again expressed his appreciation to the Board members for their support and assistance during his term as LSBA President and then presented awards to members of the Board.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation.**

President-Elect McKay presented President Lee with a token of appreciation from the Board for his leadership and commitment to the Bar Association during his term as President.

**Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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James R. McClelland  
Secretary

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Date