



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm**  
**CBA Offices, 1900 Grant Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, CO 80202**

In attendance at the meeting were CBA Executive Council Members Patricia Jarzowski who presided, Ilene Bloom, Rebecca Briggs, James Briscoe, Sam Cheris, Nancy Cohen, Jacob Eisenstein, Richard Gast, Mary Jo Gross, Steven Hahn, Courtney Holm, Virginia Koulchitzka, Tyler Murray, Brandi Nieto, Vincent Rahaman, Bonnie Schriner, Mario Trimble, Mariana Vielma, and Alison Zinn. Guests in attendance were: Diana Poole, Peter Goldstein, Paul Chessin, Jessica Brown, Kato Cruz. Staff in attendance were: Patrick Flaherty, Greg Martin, Melissa Nicoletti, Jeremy Schupbach, Heather Folker, and Kath Schoen.

### **1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**

Patricia Jarzowski

### **2. Should we approve the COLTAF and Legal Aid Rent Abatement?**

Diana Poole  
Jessica Brown  
Kato Cruz

The COLTAF and LAF Board are asking the CBA for \$12,350 in rent abatement for the 2016-2017 year. All funding for COLTAF comes from interest income and interest rates remain near 0%. LAF has worked to raise an additional \$85,000 in their fundraising efforts last year. Motion to approve rent abatement for COLTAF/LAF. Second. Questions: Is there any effort to replace the CC affinity credit union? No efforts are being made on this front. Are they subtenants and when is our lease up? LAF/COLTAF are subtenants of the CBA/DBA and our lease in this building will be up in February of 2019. Motion passes

### **3. Should the CBA Support the Proposed Rule Change to Rule 121 “Judicial Expectations for Professionalism and Civility?” (From CBA/DBA Professionalism Coordinating Council)**

Peter Goldstein

Wyoming developed a rule in their district to address professionalism. The CBA Professionalism Coordinating Council researched the Wyoming rule to determine if Colorado should have a similar rule. The rule has been submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court Rules committee on Professional Conduct. When the committee considered this rule, there was discussion that there are concerns about this rule and how it relates to disciplinary action. Discussion was had on specific issues within the rule. Motion for the Executive Council to not support this rule as proposed to the Civil Rules Committee, with request that Patricia expresses the concerns expressed here to the rules committee and to the Professionalism Coordinating Council requesting Support. Motion passes with 3 nay votes and 2 abstentions.

#### **4. Should the CBA support a project to get ICCES Access in Public Libraries? (From Judicial Liaison Section)**

Jeremy Shupbach

Simple request from the Judicial Liaison Section. Asking that free public access to the ICCES access be extended to public libraries around the state. This is going to the Public Access Committee of the Colorado Supreme Court. Paul Chessin will be carrying the decision of the EC to the Public Access Committee. Currently this free access is ONLY available at the Colorado Supreme Court Library. Only opposition has come from State Judicial IT department that has concerns of cost, security, and private vendor contract conflicts. Motion to support encouraging the Supreme Court to allow statewide access to ISSECC. Second. Motion passes with one Nay vote.

#### **5. How is the CBA starting to implement the REFOCUS 20/20 Strategic Plan and what is the Executive Council's role?**

##### **a. Strategic Plan Introduction and Reporting**

Patrick Flaherty

The continued attendance from the CBA Executive Council is a huge part of the plan. Patrick gave background of the CBA Strategic Plan. Action Steps of the plan are to be determined by the staff and the board and that is where we are now in the process. This reporting is about what is new and different in what we are doing. The program reporting to be done in November will be ongoing program reports as we attempt to measure success. The report in front of the board deals solely with Strategic Planning. The board was pleased with the report format and would like to keep seeing it. Data collection is being figured out as we go along and will take some trial and error to figure out the best collection method. Section Summit will be November 30. We could do a more in depth review of the plan with the Board of Governors. Same being done for the DBA.

##### **b. "S" Goal Strengthening Governance: How can we start & The BOG**

Patricia Jarzowski

BOG is the other governing body of the CBA only power they have that EC does not is they are the only ones who can amend the CBA by-laws. Open conversation on how the BOG meeting should be run. They enjoy breakouts, but we do get complaints, 80 out of 155 show up. Interests are not always aligned with the CBA as so many groups are represented there.

- Beauty is the inclusiveness
- Controversial issues help it
- ABA brings in national speakers.
- Breakout sessions are enjoyable.
- After the meeting there is not a strong feeling of what happened with the information gathered.
- Break out session reporting. No documents produced.
- Have a consent agenda.
- Can we have more in depth conversations on large issues facing the practice of law?
- Start these as a large group on different positions and then breakout and mix different viewpoints into different groups.
- Re work how the breakouts are done. Mix people up.
- Wonderful opportunity for intergenerational conversations. Results dismissive.
- The meeting as a whole is a bit boring. Point counterpoint. Pro and Con
- Talk to the members about being responsible representatives
- Team together to work on BOG issues – Bonnie, Brandi, Nancy, Ilene, Steve
- List the people who are no shows.

- Push out emails to get attendance at the BOG
- We need to have some accountability – who is that.
- Whoever shouts the loudest gets heard. – Inclusivity
- Bog reps expected to report back.
- Too much on the agenda
- Agenda item to solicit suggestions from them. Send me an email to sign up to talk

**c. Vice Presidents – we need your help!**

Patricia Jarzowski

One way to increase engagement is to talk more about the Local Bar Associations. We have 7 Vice Presidents who represent different areas of the state.

**Reports from Vice Presidents:**

1<sup>st</sup> District – 1. Young Lawyers very active, 2. Getting a new logo and web site and working on their own strategic plan, 3. October 15<sup>th</sup> they will be having their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

2<sup>nd</sup> District – Working on responses from those local Bar Associations, but outreach has happened. Adams Broomfield has a large Law Day Celebration starting at 7 AM and get 600 attendees.

3<sup>rd</sup> District – Weld County is working serving the diverse membership as well as June 100 year anniversary of the courthouse. 1 day long CLE. Reduced CLE. Larimer County has a term day in the spring and the fall. Wide variety of events sponsored in the community. 13<sup>th</sup> JD does monthly CLE's and also has a scholarship program. Also pay for a paralegal to manage probono.

4<sup>th</sup> District – Pueblo Bar Association is very active. Monthly CLE lunches. Working on reaching out to young attorneys. Having Trivia nights. Connections with Legal Aid, and up the use of technology and social media.

5<sup>th</sup> District – Patricia just did her presidential visit to Colorado Springs and had over 100 attorneys in attendance. They have a new plan from last year. Working on a web site to mirror the CBA web site.

6<sup>th</sup> District – working on getting responses from the local bar associations. The Delta County Bar Association is thinking of disbanding. Perhaps they will join with the 7<sup>th</sup> JD. (Need to find a place for the Delta attorneys to go)

7<sup>th</sup> District – Most have quarterly meeting with a low attendance due to geographic difficulty. Have been doing Bench Bar Programs. For the first time they have 3 people running for District Attorney and is putting on a debate. Great chance to educate voters in the area.

**6. The “U” Goal Utilizing New and Young Lawyers: Should the YLD serve on the CBA Nominating Committee?**

Jake Eisenstein

Connecting with Young Lawyers is a huge part of our plan. Would require a by-law change. Would help to integrate new lawyers. It would be the chair and the chair elect. List of who is on the Nominating Committee. Motion to recommend and draft a By-law change to include a YLD rep to Nominating committee. Second. Approved unanimously.

**7. What are our goals with CLE this year?**

Patricia Jarzowski  
Patrick Flaherty

CLE has drifted away from the integrated relationship that was contemplated in the governing documents. Creating some competition between all the organizations. There have been ongoing meetings with the leadership of CLE, CBA and the DBA. General goals of the conversations are; Maintaining programming, Synergy,

Revenue, Better structure. Facilitated conversations are needed to make progress. Gary Abrams is retiring, may do a national search for a new ED.

**8. Are we reconsidering Amendment 71?**

Patricia Jarzowski

Ratify vote with the new language. Second, Approved.

**9. President's Report – What has Gigi the RV been up to?**

Patricia Jarzowski

10 local bar visits done.

**10. Consent Agenda**

Patricia Jarzowski

**a. July 21, 2016 Minutes**

Correct Spelling of Allison Zinn's Name.

**b. August 31, 2016 Financials**

**11. New Business** – There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned

**12. Next Meeting Date November 10, 2016**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Melissa Nicoletti**  
**Director of Sections and Committees**