

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of Meeting
October 24, 2015
The Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs

Action Items

- The Board approved the minutes of the May 9, 2015, Board of Governors meeting.
- The Board approved amendments to Title Standard 3.4: Conveyance Before Formation of an Entity for the Real Estate Section.
- The Board approved an amendment to the CBA bylaws and the CBA Young Lawyers Division bylaws concerning law student members.

Administrative Matters

- **President's Report-** Loren Brown reported on the following:
 - **Executive Council Action** – Mr. Brown reported the Council had approved another year of rent abatement for COLTAF with an approximate fiscal impact of \$13,000. He then noted the Council approved the recommendations of the Joint Management Committee to merge the CBA online directory with the Denver Bar Association's print directory and share expenses with a 50/50 split. Mr. Brown further stated the Council was asked to authorize the Cannabis Law Committee to urge the American Bar Association to establish a Cannabis Law Section within the ABA. The Council tabled the request until further review could occur noting a small sub-committee, headed by Charley Garcia would be formed to discuss how to reach out to the ABA. He announced the audit occurred and was very smooth, indicating the organization is financially sound.
 - **Report on Local Bar Visits** – Mr. Brown reported his bar visits as the highlight of his presidency so far and that he had obtained valuable input, noting record turnouts and an increased interest in the bar association. He thanked Court of Appeals Judge Alan Loeb for his attendance and his help to support local bar relations.
 - **Recognition of Immediate Past President** – Mr. Brown presented Charley Garcia with a scrapbook and thanked him for his service. Mr. Garcia thanked staff, the Board of Governors representatives and Justice Rice for all of their support during his tenure. Mr. Garcia announced that the application due date was fast approaching and encouraged representatives to consider applying to the Judicial Nominating Commissions.
- **Executive Director's Report** – Patrick Flaherty reported on the following:
 - **First Year Report** – Mr. Flaherty discussed a few internal challenges the association faces. He noted the need to increase membership to counteract the foreseen retirement of baby boomers and declining law school enrollment. He discussed the value behind enhanced marketing and engaging in a thorough assessment of what programs define the organization. He thanked Charley Garcia for his leadership and commitment during his tenure to address the need to plan and assess the future of the organization. Mr. Flaherty then announced Susan Spero as the Strategic Planning facilitator, recently hired to help guide leadership through a year-long process of

strategic planning. He indicated he is fully committed to the process and emphasized the association is in a good place to evaluate its future and introduce the concept of change by setting goals and prioritizing the needs of members.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Jo Gross reported that first quarter financials are currently on track as anticipated and the audit process was smooth. She invited representatives to contact her with any questions regarding the auditor's report.

Informational Reports

- **Planning Follow-up Session** – Loren Brown provided a background of initial steps made that led the association to the decision to hire a strategic planner. He then introduced the recently hired facilitator Susan Spero. Ms. Spero addressed the representatives by further reiterating that the process of engaging in the planning process was most important. Ms. Spero then led the representatives into breakout groups to obtain feedback about the priorities and activities the CBA should focus on in the future and announced that a report will be presented to the representatives at the May 2016 meeting for their consideration.
- **Court Reports:**
 - **Colorado Supreme Court** – Honorable Nancy Rice thanked the CBA for the many years of support to the judiciary noting it is valued and needed and they continually welcome any invitations to participate in bar activities.
 - **Colorado Court of Appeals** – Honorable Alan Loeb stated a busy year has occurred with a number of changes. He announced the retirement of Judge Casebolt and the appointment of Judge Richard Gabriel to the Colorado Supreme Court. He discussed the successes of the implementation of the Outreach Program that assigns a judge to each district to serve as a liaison. He closed his report by indicating there is a strong need to do a better job of providing justice to the state and announced improved methods to make oral arguments more effective are on the horizon.
- **Law School Deans' Report:**
 - **Denver University:** Marty Katz announced he will conclude his tenure as Dean, effective July 1, and return as a faculty member for the 2016-2017 academic year. He highlighted some of his accomplishments and discussed school rankings, employment placement, admission statistics and identified the successes of experiential learning programs currently in place. He thanked the Colorado Bar Association for their support over the years.
 - **Colorado University:** Phil Weiser announced he will be stepping down from his post as Dean and will return as a faculty member on July 1, 2016. He noted the school's admission rate is at a record high, and community engagement projects have been very successful. He thanked the Colorado Bar Association for their support throughout his tenure and expressed a sincere appreciation to alumni and the bar for working in such a collaborative manner.
- **Annual Report of Colorado Bar Foundation:** Dave Stevens stated the foundation's current assets total as \$2.5 million and that recent grant distributions for the fiscal year totaled \$105,400. He indicated 140 plus new fellows have joined the foundation this year and encouraged representatives to join.
- **ABA Delegate's Report:** David Lytle reported it had been announced at the August meeting that Paulette Brown will serve as the new ABA President and is the first African-American woman to perform in this capacity for the ABA. He discussed items worth

tracking on the upcoming February mid-year meeting agenda and discussed some challenges the ABA faces. He referred representatives to a web link on the ABA's website to review agenda items

- **Legislative Report:** Legislative Director Jeremy Schupbach indicated he is gearing up for the session that begins on January 13, 2016, and is currently looking at 40 different bills of 200 that he will be examining this year. He noted that 100% of bar-sponsored bills were passed during last year's session and that this year, he will provide the membership with weekly email updates of the progress of bills supported by the CBA.
- **COLAP Report:** Sarah Myers gave a slide presentation to the representatives on life balance and stressor topics and encouraged representatives to contact COLAP for assistance.
- **Peer Professionalism Assistance Committee Report** – Teresa Wilkins provided an overview of statewide efforts to reach out to attorneys indicating the committee provides assistance for lawyers encountering professionalism issues and provides mentoring and CLEs to educate lawyers on how to settle issues amicably.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah Achen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leah Achen
CBA Program Coordinator