

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 (JC)

	Present		Present
President James Griffith (JG)	X	Director Mike Brelje (MB)	X
President Elect Mike Denver (MD)	X	Director Stephen Dunkle (SD)	X
Secretary Jeff Chambliss (JC)	X	Director Leticia Anguiano (LA)	
Chief Financial Officer Amber Holderness	X	Director Travis Logue (TL)	X
Past President Naomi Dewey (ND)		Director Nathan Rogers (NR)	X
Director Emily Allen (EA)	X	Director James Sweeney (JS)	X
Director Eric Berg (EB)		Director Elizabeth Vogt (EV)	X
Director Joseph Billings (JB)	X		
Director Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X

1. Call to Order – President’s Report - Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members

The October 2016 meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

REPORT:

President James Griffith reported from the State Bar Conference that there may be no conference (and Conference of California Bar Associations) next year as the State Bar pays \$200,000 for the Conference and there is currently no legislative authorization for the Bar to collect dues.

2. State of the SBCBA

a. Minutes from September Meeting

The minutes for the September meeting were approved unanimously.

b. Financial Report

AH reported that the bar remains in strong financial condition and her written report was submitted.

c. Lawyer Referral Service Report

A written report was submitted. LS further commented on recent intrusions into the Bar Offices that may result, at Lida’s request to the landlord, in the Carrillo exterior door being locked. There have been 3 intruders, one the police were called at a time when Association staff were not present.

2. Directors' Reports

a. *Santa Barbara Lawyer Magazine* (James Sweeney)

A written report was submitted. JC moved and NR 2nd, passed unanimously that Bar photographer Mike Lyons be given \$200.00 to buy a hard drive to put all the bar photographs onto.

b. MCLE (Nathan Rogers)

A written report was submitted. NR reported that the Tax Section has two MCLE events planned. A discussion ensued of maintaining the ADR, Criminal Law and Debtor/Creditor sections as those sections are largely inactive. The inactivity of the ADR section was attributed to issues beyond the control of the head of the section. There was discussion of adding judgment enforcement to the D/C section and it was again reiterated that the criminal law section suffers from the DA and PD Offices offering extensive in house MCLE trainings.

Further discussion to be had on keeping D/C and Criminal Law Sections, NR reported the rest were actively holding programs.

c. Events (Mike Brelje, Elizabeth Diaz, Emily Allen)

A written report was submitted. MB reported that the Golf & Tennis tournament went well but that Tennis should start a little earlier if they wanted to join with the start of the reception/dinner after the Bar Tournament. The event was profitable with Mulligans by Swysen contributing to that.

The annual dinner was to start at 5:30pm, with dinner (buffet) to start at 6:15-6:30pm. JG was once again to provide his sound equipment. **It was noted that a high quality sound system could be purchased for \$400-\$500 and thereby relieve JG of the burden of always bringing his system. Various storage options were discussed and this matter was tabled for further discussion by the next Board as a HIGH PRIORITY.**

d. Bench & Bar Conference (Update) (EB & JB)

A written report and updated schedule were submitted and approved. The pricing was in the report and JS moved, NR 2nd, passed unanimously that pricing approved.

e. Bench & Bar Relations (Stephen Dunkle)

November 7 was the next meeting with Judge Herman and the Reception with the Justices of the 2nd District scheduled for October 19 due to the Second Presidential Debate had been postponed to Wed November 16.

f. Liaison (Emily Allen)

A written report was submitted and EA also noted that on November 4, 2016 the SBWL is hosting a Reception with CAWL from 7 to 9pm at Corks & Crown Winery in the Funk Zone.

g. Fiscal (AH)

Previously reported.

h. Awards and Board Development (Elizabeth Vogt)

A written reported was submitted. It was decided that EV and ED would work with Tri-Valley Trophies on the awards to be given at the Annual Dinner. An extensive discussion of the nominees to the Board for 2017 ensued. Jeff Soderborg and Elvia Garcia were added to the Board as the reps of Barristers and SBWL respectively. NR nominated to the Board Jen Duffy and Brian Cota, MD 2nd, passed unanimously. The remaining open seat was to be filled by Larry Conlan or Deborah Boswell with ND, in absentia, supporting Boswell. After discussion, JG called for a vote on the remaining open seat to be filled by Lawrence Conlan, all were in favor with ND opposed, NR, EV, SD and JS abstained. Lawrence Conlan was nominated to the Board.

I. Legislative Liaison (Elizabeth Diaz)

A written reported was submitted.

4. New Business

LS commented that some Fee Arbitration Programs have filing fee waivers for indigent participants, a discussion ensued and NR moved and JC 2nd, passed unanimously to authorize LS to start fee waiver program where appropriate;

The new employee handbook was discussed and adopted unanimously after JS moved and AH 2nd.

SD moved and JS 2nd, and passed unanimously that Executive Director LS only did not have to seek advance permission for overtime for routine matters, such as Board Meetings.

5. Coming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad	Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	2-10-2016	NA	Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	May	NA	Justices' Reception	Nov 16
Law Week	May		Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	June	March 1, 2016	Joint Board Meeting	12-14-2016
			Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2017

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.