

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

	Present		Present
President Jeff Chambliss (JC)	X	Director Larry Conlan (LC)	X
President-Elect Amber Holderness (AH)	X	Director Iulia I. Davies (ID)	
Secretary Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Director Jennifer Duffy (JD)	
Chief Financial Officer Eric Berg (EB)	X	Director Stephen Dunkle (SD)	
Past President Michael Denver (MD)		Director Elvia Garcia (EG)	X
Director Leticia Anguiano (LA)		Director Michelle E. Roberson (MR)	X
Director Joseph Billings (JB)	X	Director Jeff Soderborg (JS)	X
Deborah Boswell (DB)		Director Rosaleen Wynne (RW)	X
		Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X

1. Call to Order – President’s Report

The February 2018 meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 5:20 p.m.

2. State of the SBCBA

a. Minutes from January Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes from January therefore they were approved without vote.

b. Financial Report

EB submitted a report. He reported that EB and LS had meeting with CPA, Hilary, and her thoughts were for the SBCBA to hire a certified financial planner (CFP) to handle the investment account (Schwab).

JC reports of the conversation he had over the telephone with Reynolds T. Cafferata a lawyer who works with non-profits and was referred by LC. JC reports that the lawyer said basically the same thing Hilary recommended – to hire a “money manager” to make decisions. The attorney advised us to hire a CFP to handle the investments and that would resolve the question of acting prudently in regards to the investment account.

EB & JC will speak with a few potential CFP potential candidates and report back at the next meeting. The Schwab commission needs to be compared to the CFP rate.

c. Lawyer Referral Service Report

Report submitted.

3. Directors' Reports

a. *Santa Barbara Lawyer Magazine* (Jennifer Duffy)

Report submitted.

b. MCLE (Deborah Boswell)

Report submitted.

c. Events (Joe Billings, Stephen Dunkle, (Iulia Davies)

No report submitted. Events coming up: Past President's Lunch on May 9th. Location will be State and Fig. LS is waiting for paperwork confirmation from the venue.

Chief Justice event on February 22, 2018. Caterer will be Jill's place.

BBQ will be in June. Possible venues: Tucker's Grove, Manning and Elings.

d. Bench & Bar Conference (Larry Conlan (2018))
(Rosaleen Wynne, Jeff Soderborg (2019))

2018 B& B Conference: there was low attendance, but with the sponsorship, we were able to net \$12,000. It was a good conference with great speakers. LC & LS received comments about speaker, Francine Tone and her presentation was really good.

2019 B&B Conference: Theme will likely be Cannabis. A lot of changes and issues with the law around this topic.

e. Bench & Bar Relations (Larry Conlan)

Nothing to report.

f. Liaison (Elvia Garcia)

Nothing to report.

g. Fiscal (Eric Berg (lead), Elizabeth Diaz, Leticia Anguiano)

Report submitted.

h. Awards and Board Development (Michelle Roberson)

MR has met with JD about awards and board development. Nothing else new to report.

j. Legislative Liaison
No report.

(Jeff Chambliss (Lead), Amber Holderness)

k. Grants Committee
EB to be added to this committee.

(Jeff Chambliss (Lead), Michael Denver)

4. New Business

Food from the Bar – no meeting has been set up yet. No one from the SBCBA Board has been assigned to FFTB committee.

JC notes that there will be students attending the Chief Justice event and currently there are 8 law students attending. We should consider focusing on getting the law students involved with SBCBA events. Possibly can offer a mentoring program. We can have law students work future events. More discussion later.

LS reports that membership is low. There have been a few requests for refunds from retired lawyers. LS suggests that we offer half price membership to retired lawyers so that stay active members. LS also suggests that non-profit lawyers also be offered half price membership. JC makes the motion for non-profit lawyers and retired lawyers to pay half of annual membership fee starting next year (2019). JS seconds.

5. Coming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad	Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	3.14.18	NA	Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	April/May	NA	Justices' Reception	Oct.
Law Week	May		Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	June		Joint Board Meeting	
			Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2019

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.