

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

	Present		Present
President Jeff Chambliss (JC)	X	Director Larry Conlan (LC)	X
President-Elect Amber Holderness (AH)		Director Iulia I. Davies (ID)	X
Secretary Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Director Jennifer Duffy (JD)	X
Chief Financial Officer Eric Berg (EB)	X	Director Stephen Dunkle (SD)	X
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 January 2018 meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 5:16 p.m.

2. State of the SBCBA

a. Minutes from October and November Meetings

There were no corrections to the minutes from October and November meetings and therefore they were approved without vote.

b. Financial Report

Written report submitted. EB is working on a 2018 Budget. Financials have been sent to Board.

c. Lawyer Referral Service Report

LS explained the LRS program to new members. She did not submit a report.

3. Directors’ Reports

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

JD noted that this year the magazine will have a theme of a philanthropy focus. Also, JD issued a challenge to each Board member to find an advertiser for the magazine this year. A list was circulated for each director to commit to obtain an advertiser for a specific month. Media kit will be sent out via e-mail.

b. MCLE (Deborah Boswell)

DB not present. LS reported that DB has made contact with Mike Brelje. Also, MCLE – Marijuana Law has been rescheduled.

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

Past President’s lunch is the first event. Conversation with Chief Justice on February 22nd. Ice Cream Social in the Summer of 2018 – ED to work on this event.

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

Update 2018 B&B Conference: Please send conference information to colleagues and friends in order to push attendance. To date 43 paid and of them are 12 non-members. Board members need to sign up and pay.

2019 B&B Conference: Nothing to report

e. Bench & Bar Relations (Larry Conlan)

Nothing to report.

f. Liaison (Vacant)

No report.

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

EB reported that we need to have nine months in reserves and the executive committee discussed having one year’s worth of reserves in the bank (Approximately \$300,000). What was proposed was that the Schwab account be reduced to \$80,000 and the remainder to be placed in the bank as reserves. The concerns about the Schwab account were whether it was a prudent investment. Discussion was had among directors and questions arose. Questions were: (1) What will the tax consequences be; (2) What is the dollar amount that FDIC covers; (3) What is the rate of return. EB will follow-up with Hilary Tentler (CPA) and the bank to find out up to what amount FDIC will cover.

Also, it was suggested that we speak with an independent lawyer that works with non-profits to ask his/her opinion of what we were planning to do. Motion was made that JC can speak with an independent attorney and obtain his/her opinion on our plan. JC authorized to spend up to \$5000 on the attorney. JC made the motion and JD seconded the motion. The matter will be brought back to the February meeting for discussion and vote.

h. Awards and Board Development (Michelle Roberson)

Nothing to report.

j. Legislative Liaison (Jeff Chambliss (Lead), Amber Holderness)

Nothing to report.

k. Grant Committee (Jeff Chambliss (Lead), Michael Denver)

High school mock trial request was submitted from the Santa Barbara County Education Office for \$700 to provide food for the competition volunteers and for \$2,500 to defray costs of the winning mock trial team. JC made the motion to grant the money. JD seconded. Motion carried.

Also, mock trial needs volunteers for the February 24th date. Please volunteer if you are available.

4. New Business

MR mentioned that SBWLF will be taking over the annual Food from the Bar fundraiser from SBWL. SBWLF requested a partnership with SBCBA and is seeking someone to join the Food from the Bar committee. It was suggested that an advertisement be placed in SB Lawyer magazine to see if any SBCBA member is interested in joining the Food from the Bar committee. Discussion was had and it was not clear if the SBWLF wanted a SBCBA director to sit on the committee or take over the Food from the Bar fundraiser. MR will obtain something in writing as to what SBWLF is requesting and what role they want SBCBA to play on the committee.

Letter from State Bar President Jim Fox that was sent to SBWL President Jennifer Smith. JC asked what the directors would like to do with the letter: whether to publish it in the magazine, email to our entire membership, or email to the members that attended the dinner. It was decided by directors to e-mail a copy of Mr. Fox’s letter to the members that were present at the dinner with the communication by JC.

5. Coming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad	Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	2-14-2018	NA	Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	April/May	NA	Justices’ Reception	Oct.
Law Week	May		Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	June	March 1, 2017	Joint Board Meeting	12-12-2017
			Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2019

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.