

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 10, 2019

| | Present | | | Present |
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| President Amber Holderness (AH) | x | | Director Iulia Davies (ID) | x |
| Vice President Elizabeth Diaz (ED) | | | Director Stephen Dunkle (SD) | |
| Secretary Eric Berg (EB) | X | | Director Tara Messing (TM) | x |
| CFO Jennifer Gillon Duffy (JD) | x | | Director Chad Prentice (CP) | |
| Past President Jeff Chambliss (JC) | | | Director Michelle Roberson (MR) | |
| Director Joe Billings (JB) | | | Director Jeff Soderborg (JS) | |
| Director Deborah Boswell (DB) | X | | Director Rosaleen Wynne (RW) | |
| Director Larry Conlan (LC) | x | | | |
| Director Ariel Calonne (AC) | | | Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS) | X |
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1. Call to Order—Welcome

A meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order by President AH at 5:20 p.m. on July 10, 2019 at second floor conference room of the SBCBA in Santa Barbara.

2. State of the SBCBA

- a. The Minutes for the June meeting were approved.
- b. Financial Report—Report submitted. Revised draft budget submitted. We have been operating at a loss for the past few years, which is not sustainable. This is the result of a combination of decreased net income, increased grants and increased staff expenses. Going forward, income needs to increase significantly and plan needs to be developed to achieve this. Dylan Minor has recommended no additional grants for this year beyond the \$15,800 we have committed to for the year. That includes \$10,000 for Chowder Fest, that we have not yet committed to. In light of our current financial situation, suggestion made to drop this figure down to \$5,000. Even with a \$5k contribution, we would have to draw down approximately \$32,000 from the Schwab account to balance our books. Discussion related to the fact that Legal Aid counts on past Bar sponsorship level and a drop to \$5,000 would have a significant adverse impact. Issue tabled until next meeting
- c. Lawyer Referral Service Report--Report Submitted. Statistics for June 2019 are: Number of Calls: 214 Number of Referrals: 42; Percentage of Clients Referred: 20%. These numbers are very close to numbers from same time last year. Looking at having a Modest Means Estate Planning Panel

3. Directors' Reports

- a. SB Lawyer Magazine (SD, JB)--June issue nets approximately \$1,000. Continued need for content. Discussion had about ways to save money on the magazine going forward, primarily about allowing members to "opt out" of receiving print version.
- b. MCLE (DB)--programs pending for Civil Litigation, Debtor/Creditor, Family, Real Property/Land Use
- c. Events (JD, TM, MR)--Golf and Tennis Tourney set for September 27, 2019. Golf at SB Muni, Tennis at SB Tennis Club needs to be confirmed. Need tee sponsors.
- d. Bench and Bar Conference--Set for January 26, 2020 at Santa Barbara Club. Still need keynote and end of day panel. Getting a Judges' Panel would solve the panel issue. Solicitations going out for sponsorships.
- e. Bench and Bar Relations (JS)--Schedule in place for meeting with Judge Carozzo.
- f. Fiscal (JD, LC)--Report Submitted.
- g. Awards and Board Development (RW)--nothing to report.
- H. Legislative Liason (AH)--nothing to report
- h. Grants (JC, AH, EB)--Chowder Fest grant vote to occur via email.

4. Old Business--August 14, 2019 meeting at Ann Anderson's house will be the next Board meeting. Spouses/significant others invited to dinner to follow.

5. New Business

a. New Conference of Delegates Representatives 2020--There will be at least two delegate slots open in 2020. The time commitment is a September work-up of the proposed resolutions, a three hour meeting before the conference, and attendance at a weekend conference. SBCBA defrays the attendance costs. Looking for volunteers.

6. Upcoming SBCBA Events

| Event | Event date | Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad | Event | Event date |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Next Board Meeting | 5-8-2019 | NA | Golf & Tennis Tourn. | Sept. |
| Past Pres. Lunch | April/May | NA | Justices' Reception | Oct. |
| Law Week | May | | Annual Dinner | Nov. |
| Spring BBQ | June 7 | March 1, 2019 | Joint Board Meeting | 12-11-2019 |
| | | | Bench & Bar Conf. | Jan. 2020 |

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.