

Minutes
Board of Directors
National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards, Inc.
May 5, 2009
12:00 Noon (EST)
Telephone Conference Call Meeting

Present: Elaine M. Bixler, President; Julianne K. DeCore, President-Elect; Elizabeth M. Row, Secretary; Julie Shankland, Treasurer; Christine E. McKeeman, Maureen Mulvenna and Ray S. Bolze, Directors; and the Hon. Ronald W. Stovitz, John F. Van Bolt, and Karen Watkins, Past Presidents. The meeting was convened at 12:05 p.m. and concluded at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes: Ms. DeCore moved that the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting be approved as written. Ms. Mulvenna seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Shankland reported that the checking account balance of the NCLDB currently is \$7,704.83. She is waiting for Lane Williamson's hotel bill in order to reimburse him for his speaker's expenses for the Sixth Annual Meeting. She already has received his airline bill. NCLDB is responsible for one-half of these expenses, and NOBC is responsible for the other half of the expenses.

Ms. Shankland also reported that she received a check in February 2009 from Maine for membership dues. The members decided to apply this payment to Maine's 2009-2010 dues obligation.

Ms. Shankland stated that she is still having trouble with the banking services provided by West Coast Bank. Ms. McKeeman, who will take over as treasurer next year, is committed to finding another bank to service NCLDB's checking account.

Ms. Bixler has received the necessary financial information from Ms. Shankland in order to file the 990-N form with the IRS for this year. The filing of this form will be the responsibility of Ms. DeCore next year, when she becomes the President of NCLDB. The Texas Franchise Tax form is due on or about August 18, 2009. Ms. McKeeman receives this form at her office and will forward it to the appropriate officer for completion and submission to the State of Texas.

Committee Appointments:

Membership Committee: Ms. Row, chair of the committee, reported that she will send out the 2009-2010 Membership Dues Notices, along with recruitment letters. The dues will be sent to Ms. Shankland.

Ms. Row also reported that she is resigning from her employment at the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, effective May 31, 2009. Because of this resignation, she is also required to resign from the Board of the NCLDB. The Board decided to wait a week before meeting to propose a new slate of officers to fill any vacancies caused by Ms. Row's departure. Ms. DeCore will head up the task of slating new officers.

Communications Committee: Ms. McKeeman, chair, suggested that since she will serve as treasurer next year, another Board member should chair this committee next year. Ms. McKeeman will ask Gayle Vickers of her office if she would like to will remain on the committee. Mr. Bolze volunteered to serve as a committee member, and Ms. Mulvenna will consider serving on the committee. Ms. DeCore will contact Mr. Fredrickson to see if he would like to chair the committee next year.

Program Committee: Ms. DeCore, chair, reported that the evaluations from the Sixth Annual Meeting indicated that the attendees thought the topics overall were "good" with a few "excellent" ratings noted. Mr. Van Bolt suggested that the evaluation forms be resent to the attendees to ask for suggestions for additional topics for future meetings. Ms. McKeeman volunteered to send the evaluation forms out to those who attended the meeting.

The members agreed that the Colonnade Hotel's facilities were very good and that placing the materials on CDs worked out well.

New Business: None.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on July 7, 2009 at 12:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted
this 26th day of May, 2009.

Elizabeth M. Row
Secretary

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