

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
National Council of Lawyer Disciplinary Boards, Inc.
July 9, 2009
12:00 Noon (EST)
Telephone Conference Call Meeting

Present: Julianne K. DeCore, President; Elaine M. Bixler, Immediate Past President; Christine E. McKeeman, Secretary; Director Mike Fredrickson; and the Honorable Ronald W. Stovitz and Karen L. Watkins, Past Presidents. Jackie Truitt, member of the staff of the Texas Board of Disciplinary Appeals also attended the meeting. The meeting convened at 12:05 p.m. and concluded at 12:40 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Fredrickson moved that the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting be approved with a correction to the date of today's meeting as July 9. Ms. Bixler seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

Ratification of Slate of Officers: Ms. Bixler reported that ten jurisdictions voted for the slate of officers for 2009-2010 as circulated: CA, IL, KS, LA, MA, MI, NJ, PA, TX, and D.C. She moved to ratify the slate pursuant to the vote. Ms. Branda seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting when Mr. Van Bolt, the new treasurer and Ms. Shankland, the outgoing treasurer, could attend. Ms. McKeeman reported that she has suggested moving the bank account to Bank of America, but that she did not know whether Ms. Shankland and Mr. Van Bolt had discussed that yet. She also noted that, when the account is moved and new debit/credit cards are issued, the web hosting service for the www.ncldb.org website will have to be updated and offered to have Ms. Gayle Vickers contact them, as she had worked to update that information with the hosting service in the past.

Committee Reports:

a. Membership Committee: Ms. McKeeman is the new chair of the membership committee. The group discussed several objectives for the committee: identifying potential new members as well as prior members who may have lapsed, encouraging current members who do not participate to become more active (Ms. DeCore agreed to call current members), encouraging participation from Board members, and finding another lawyer in the office of the Louisiana Board to replace Ms. Rowe. Ms. Branda and Ms. Watkins volunteered to assist with these projects. Ms. McKeeman will arrange a conference call with them after she has looked through the secretarial records and before the next directors' meeting.

b. Communications Committee: Current members of the committee are Ms. Mulvenna and Mr. Bolze. Ms. Bickler noted that committee does not currently have a chair, but that the chair does not have to be a director as long as a director is a member. Ms. Vickers has also agreed to be on the committee, and Ms. DeCore asked whether she would also serve as chair. Ms. McKeeman will follow up with the directors.

c. Program Committee: Ms. Shankland is the new chair of the committee. Mr. Fredrickson volunteered to be a member. Members suggested possibly recruiting someone from Florida or Georgia to be on this committee. Jordan Huck and Donna Roberts from Louisiana were also mentioned as possible members.

The group discussed holding the next annual meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010, in conjunction with the ABA midyear meeting in Orlando. Ms. DeCore said she did not yet have information on the NOBC meeting schedule to know which day they would schedule as a half-day. She also said that neither the ABA nor the NOBC had announced hotel locations for their meetings in Orlando, but that she expected more information to become available after the August annual meeting. Judge Stovitz also suggested exploring the possibility of other joint meetings if the schedule for the NOBC did not work out with the NCLDB.

Ms. DeCore will circulate the proposed date of the next annual meeting for those not able to participate in the call.

New Business: None.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held by conference call on August 27, 2009 at 12 noon EST (9 am PDT, 11 am CDT).

Ms. DeCore adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of August, 2009,

Christine E. McKeeman
Secretary