District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
January 14, 2020

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Jessica E. Adler, David W. Arrojo (phone), Catherine D. Bertram, Elizabeth "Lisa" R. Dewey, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Janene D. Jackson (phone), Su Sie Ju, June Kress, Megan Lacchini (phone) Paul S. Lee, Esther H. Lim, Lisa A. Lipsky, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Bridget Rowan, Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi (phone).

Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez did not attend the meeting.

D.C. Bar General Counsel Marlon Q. Paz attended the meeting by phone.

Also attending the meeting was Nancy Drane, Executive Director, D.C. Access to Justice Commission.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting were Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, Dennis Cuevas, Carla J. Freudenberg, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Karen Savransky (phone), Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Hoffman gave her report and introduced Ms. Drane, who summarized the Access to Justice Commission's recent report, "Delivering Justice: Addressing Civil Legal Needs in the District of Columbia."

President Hoffman invited Board member Gere to provide an update on the planning of the 2020 Conference. Chief Programs Officer Sobin provided updates on conference sponsorships.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the December 10, 2019, meeting, as amended to reflect that Board member Lim did not participate in the vote to approve Lisa Lipsky to fill the non-lawyer vacancy on the Board of Governors.

The Board approved the appointment of Astor Heaven of Crowell & Moring to the Neighborhood Legal Services Program Board of Directors.

Board member Lee and Pro Bono Center Executive Director Troth departed the meeting room, after which the Board approved the nomination of Mr. Lee and re-nomination of Ms. Troth to three-year terms on the Access to Justice Commission.

The Board also approved the appointment of Board member Lipsky to the Audit, Finance, and Pension Committees, and as an advisor to the Budget Committee.

Appointments to the Committee on Nominations were deferred to the February Board meeting or for an email Board vote in the intervening period before the next meeting if a slate is ready for approval before then.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

In Treasurer Rodriguez's absence, Director of Finance Lorenzetti presented the Treasurer's Report. She and CEO Spagnoletti answered questions from the Board.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report, highlighting the upcoming Bar and Communities nominations and elections process, awards nominations deadlines, January 31 New Member Reception, and John Payton Leadership Academy application process.

See Tab 5.

Annual Report of the Audit Committee
(Agenda Item 6)

Audit Committee Chair Lim presented the annual report of the committee.

See Tab 6.

Proposal to Dissolve the Election Board
(Agenda Item 7)

President Hoffman provided background on the purpose of the Election Board and noted its reduced role as the election process has transitioned from paper to electronic balloting. After discussion, the proposal will be reconsidered at the February 10 Board meeting.

See Tab 7.

Approval of Amendments to Article III, Section 1 of the D.C. Bar By-laws
(Agenda Item 8)

This item has been tabled to the February 10 Board meeting pending further review.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 9)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)

There being no further business, President Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney L. Weiner
Secretary