District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors' Meeting
April 9, 2019

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Esther H. Lim called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Susan M. Hoffman, Immediate-Past President Patrick McGlone, Treasurer Amy E. Nelson, Secretary Paul S. Lee, Jessica E. Adler, Rodney J. Bosco, Elizabeth (Lisa) R. Dewey, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Annette K. Kwok, Megan Lacchini, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Saleema Snow, Keiko K. Takagi, Leslie T. Thornton (by phone), Benjamin F. Wilson (by phone), and Christopher P. Zubowicz.

Board members David W. Arrojo, Moses. A. Cook, Karen E. Evans, and Ellen Ostrow did not attend the meeting.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting were CEO Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Abesha Assefa, COO Matthew S. Butler, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Carla Freudenberg, Bilen Gebrekal, Stacie Gray, Alana Hyman, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, CIO Caterina Luppi, Maurice Morrow, Querry Raobelina, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, CPO Darrin P. Sobin, Evan Spath, Hope C Todd, Crystal White, Andrea Williams, and Adriana Zick.

Also attending the meeting were General Counsel Marlon Q. Paz and Legal Ethics Committee Chair Elizabeth T. Simon.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Lim presented her report.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Lim presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting. The Board also approved the annual renewal of the 2017 Resolutions on Authority to Make Public Statements on Behalf of Court Funding, Court Vacancies, and Access to Justice.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Nelson presented her report on the financials for the period ending February 28, 2019. Treasurer Nelson fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report. He introduced David Chu, the Bar's new Director of Membership. CIO Luppi introduced Abesha Assefa, the Bar's new Director of Delivery and Data, as well as Bilen Gebrekal, the Bar's new Director of Web & Integrations. He then fielded questions from the Board

See Tab 5.

Annual Report of the Legal Ethics Committee
(Agenda Item 6)

Elizabeth T. Simon, Chair of the Legal Ethics Committee, and Hope C. Todd, Assistant Director of the Legal Ethics Program, presented the annual report of the Legal Ethics Committee, including program highlights, ethics opinions, and recent trends.

See Tab 6.

Report of the Committee on Nominations
(Agenda Item 7)

President Lim put forth the Committee on Nominations' slate of two proposed candidates for the non-lawyer position on the D.C. Bar Board of Governors. The Board will vote on these candidates at the May Board meeting.

See Tab 7.

Report of the Finance and Budget Committee
(Agenda Item 8)

President Lim began the discussion on the Bar's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget by waiving the two-meeting notice policy for purposes of expedited action. President-Elect Hoffman and Immediate-Past President McGlone presented three proposed budgets, two of which included proposed increases to D.C. Bar member license fees and one option which kept member license fees at the same level as in FY 2018-19.

After debate and discussion, the Board voted to approve the proposed budget without an increase in member license fees.

Following adoption of the FY 2019-20 budget, the Board held a related discussion on a proposed Biennial Conference of the Bar that would implicate the FY 2019-20 budget. CPO Sobin and Associate Director of Meetings & Events Gray followed up on the presentation of the proposed conference they made at the March Board meeting and fielded questions from the Board. Following discussion, the Board voted to approve an amended FY 2019-20 budget to account for potential expenses and revenues related to the planning and execution of the Biennial Conference. This approved budget also did not include an increase in member license fees.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 9)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 9)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul S. Lee
Secretary