

**MINUTES**  
**of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

	Present		Present
President James Griffith (JG)	X	Director Stephen Dunkle (SD)	X
President-Elect Mike Denver (MD)		Director Mike Brelje (MB)	X
Secretary Officer Jeff Chambliss (JC)		Director Leticia Anguiano (LA)	X
Chief Financial Amber Holderness (AH)	X	Director Travis Logue (TL)	
Past President Naomi Dewey (ND)	X	Director Nathan Rogers (NR)	
Director Emily Allen (EA)	X		
Director Eric Berg (EB)	X	Director James Sweeney (JS)	
Director Joseph Billings (JB)		Director Elizabeth Vogt (EV)	
Director Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X

**1. Call to Order – President’s Report**

The May 2016 meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 5:20 p.m.

JG reported that there were some Board members that need to pay their dues.

**2. State of the SBCBA**

a. Minutes from May Meeting

The minutes for the May meeting were approved unanimously. JG clarified that the Charles Schwab account was not losing \$18,515 a month. Rather, the value of the account decreased approximately \$18,000 over a 12 month period.

b. Financial Report

An oral Fiscal/Treasurer’s Report was given by AH together with monthly financials by LS. AH noted that the financial position of the Bar had not changed much since the prior report and that the primary decrease in income for the month was LRS.

The Board discussed the Charles Schwab account documentation and the need to change the Board members with electronic access. AH will get a summary from David Hellewell at Charles Schwab that tracks the investments against the markets and report on the account at the next Board meeting. LS to provide the latest monthly statement and a statement showing the January to December 2015 activity to JG, AH, and SBCBA’s CPA.

c. Lawyer Referral Service Report

A written report was submitted. LS mentioned an article on the use of automatic forms and that the State Bar is not supportive of them.

### 3. Directors' Reports

a. *Santa Barbara Lawyer Magazine* (James Sweeney)

A written report was submitted. LS reported that based on current ad revenue, the magazine was at a positive \$500, not a negative \$1,200.

b. MCLE (Nathan Rogers)

A written report was submitted. MB commented that it did not seem like there were a lot of MCLEs. It was noted that a litigation MCLE is upcoming and the Board discussed prompting section heads.

c. Events (Mike Brelje, Elizabeth Diaz, Emily Allen)

A written report was submitted. MB reported on the Golf and Tennis tournament. ED and EA reported on the Justice Cuellar reception. The Board discussed the lack of signed-up attendees for the Justice Cuellar reception and the sponsorships for the event. The Board also discussed the BBQ. There are thirty-two sign-ups so far. MB offered to make copies of flyers for the BBQ. MB sought suggestions for a new location for the annual dinner and proposed to provide the Board with three options for a location.

d. Bench & Bar Conference (Eric Berg, Joe Billings)

A written report was submitted.

EB reported that they were considering a General Counsel panel. Potential panelists were discussed. JG to send the in-house counsel spreadsheet link to EB. EB also reported that they were reaching out to sponsors, had reached out to Judge Herman, and were looking for keynote speakers.

e. Bench & Bar Relations (Stephen Dunkle)

A written report was submitted. The Board discussed that the legislative proposal to split the Bar into two separate entities was on ongoing issue. It was suggested that JG contact other counties regarding their position.

The Justices Reception also was discussed. LS commented that for the catering contract, it is easier to go down in the number of attendees and suggested 40 people for the contracted amount. SD will come back to the Board for a vote.

f. Liaison (Emily Allen)

A written report was submitted and accepted without comment.

g. Fiscal (Amber Holderness)

There were no new fiscal items to discuss following the financial report.

h. Awards and Board Development (Elizabeth Vogt)

A written report was submitted and accepted. The Board discussed being selective in asking someone to be a Board member. It was suggested that proposed in-house counsel panelists for the Bench and Bar conference be offered Board membership. The Board discussed the nomination process for selecting Board members and looking at current members and those active in the Bar already. It was suggested that the Board start with the in-house counsel section, send interest letters inviting membership first, and review what the Board is looking for but not getting. The Board also discussed looking at programs of interest or free events to entice new members from different areas.

i. Special Projects (Travis Logue, Amber Holderness, James Griffith)

(In-house/new lawyer/groups not traditionally involved outreach)

JG discussed this item.

j. Legislative Liaison (Elizabeth Diaz)

ED presented a report and discussed setting up a meeting with Hannah Beth Jackson to discuss SB 2878 and other issues.

k. Grant Committee (James Griffith)

JG reported on two grant requests from Legal Aid. The first was for \$18,000 or a portion of that for Emily to work with homeless people in the area. The second was for \$10,000 for Chowderfest. JG suggested the Grants committee consider the requests and make a recommendation for the Board at the next meeting.

ND noted that the 998 form states that the Board has a conflict of interest policy. The Board is required to have one for grants and contracting, but does not. ND to draft one.

ND reported that the Santa Barbara Foundation would like to present a donation check to Legal Aid at SBCBA's BBQ.

**EB moved, AH seconded, and the Board approved a resolution to allow the Santa Barbara Foundation to present a check to the Legal Aid at the BBQ.**

#### 4. New Business

a. SB 2878

ND and JG reported on SB 2878. EA to invite Hannah-Beth Jackson and Board members to discuss. ED to reach out to Hannah Beth Jackson's staff for lunch times. ED to invite Bench

and Bar relations and the Board members. The lunch to be held in the Board conference room.

**5. Coming SBCBA Events**

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad	Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	7-13-2016	NA		
Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept. 29	Will be in July SBL		
Justices' Reception	Oct. 19			
Annual Dinner	Nov.			
Joint Board Meeting	12-14-2016			
Bench & Bar Conf.	1-21-17			

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Amber Holderness