

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

	Present		Present
President Amber Holderness (AH)	x		Director Iulia Davies (ID)
Vice President Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	x		Director Stephen Dunkle (SD)
Secretary Eric Berg (EB)	X		Director Tara Messing (TM)
CFO Jennifer Gillon Duffy (JD)	x		Director Chad Prentice (CP)
Past President Jeff Chambliss (JC)			Director Michelle Roberson (MR)
Director Joe Billings (JB)	x		Director Jeff Soderborg (JS)
Director Deborah Boswell (DB)	X		Director Rosaleen Wynne (RW)
Director Larry Conlan (LC)	x		
Director Ariel Calonne (AC)	X		Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)

1. Call to Order—Welcome

A meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order by President AH at 5:15 p.m. on May 8, 2019 at second floor conference room of the SBCBA in Santa Barbara.

2. State of the SBCBA

- a. The Minutes for the March and April meetings were approved.
- b. Financial Report—Jenn reports she has the draft budget done by and is being sent to Omega Financial for their review.
- c. Lawyer Referral Service Report--Submitted. Fewer calls for April 2019 than this time last year. Considering hosting an “Ask a Lawyer” program, which historically results in an increased number of referrals to LRS. We also have a new Spanish speaking legal assistant starting this month, which should greatly assist with the LRS process.

3. Directors’ Reports

- a. SB Lawyer Magazine (SD, JB)--\$600 profit from most recent issue. Continue to need more advertisers. Also soliciting some additional cover art.
 - b. MCLE (DB)--Report Submitted. Civil Litigation event in process. Criminal Law event set for June 6, 2019. Debtor/Creditor event in process. Also looking for new Real Property section heads.
 - c. Events (JD, TM, MR)--Report Submitted. 43 attendees at Presidents Luncheon on May 1, during which time eight new attorneys were introduced. Expecting a net profit of approximately \$640. BBQ confirmed for June 7, Oak Park confirmed as location. Attendance numbers are currently low; discussion had on ideas to increase numbers, including a possible MCLE event. Save the Date was sent out with the most recent newsletter. Golf and Tennis Tournament will be next event to plan.
 - d. Bench and Bar Conference--Santa Barbara Club confirmed as location. Date confirmed for January 25, 2020. Four seminar speakers confirmed. Several firm sponsorships already obtained. Initial contact made with CA Chief Justice’s office regarding possible headnote appearance.
 - e. Bench and Bar Relations (JS)--Report submitted. Email sent to section heads and organizational leaders on April 24 regarding the three meetings that have been set. Notice/advertisement set to run in SB Lawyer magazine.
 - g. Fiscal (JD, LC)--Report Submitted.
 - h. Awards and Board Development (RW)--An advertisement for nominations to the Board and Awards ran in the April 2019 Magazine. Erin Parks has expressed interest in a Board position. No other responses to date.
 - i. Grants (JC, AH, EB)--Nothing to report. No new requests.
4. Old Business--None.

5. New Business

- a. BBQ--Food from the Bar rep would like to attend to collect donations, sitting near us at check in area, and possibly speaking at the event. Request approved without need of motion.
- b. Our current CPA is retiring, we are looking for a replacement.
- c. State Bar proposed fee increase--proposed to increase in 2020 to approximately \$800. Issue is whether our Bar Associations should present a letter taking a position on the proposed increase. We have historically not taken positions on state issues such as this, but discussion held on making an exception in this instance. Motion made to have EC present a draft letter for circulation and comment opposing the proposed increase. Motion unanimously approved.

7. Upcoming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad	Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	5-8-2019	NA	Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	April/May	NA	Justices' Reception	Oct.
Law Week	May		Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	June 7	Done	Joint Board Meeting	12-11-2019
			Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.