

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2020

	Present		Present
President Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Director Teresa Martinez (TeM)	X
Vice President Eric Berg (EB)	X	Director Tara Messing (TaM)	X
Secretary Jennifer Gillon Duffy (JD)	X	Director Chad Prentice (CP)	X
CFO Stephen Dunkle (SD)	X	Director Erin Parks (EP)	X
Past Pres. Amber Holderness (AH)		Director Michelle Roberson (MR)	X
Director Deborah Boswell (DB)	X	Director Russell Terry (RT)	X
Director Bradford Brown (BB)	X	Director Rosaleen Wynne (RW)	X
Director Larry Conlan (LC)			
Director Ian Elsenheimer (IE)	X	Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order -- virtually by zoom video call -- by President ED at 5:17 p.m. on August 12, 2020.

2. State of the SBCBA

- a. The Minutes for the July 2020 meeting were approved without any changes.
- b. Financial Report— (SD). LS sent out the income statement and balance statements in advance. No discussion.
- c. Lawyer Referral Service Report—(LS). A report was submitted. No discussion.

3. Directors' Reports

- a. *SB Lawyer Magazine* (RW, CP). A report was submitted. RW reported that we are short on articles right now. All should reach out to people who may wish to write and submit an article.

b. MCLE (DB). A report was submitted. No discussion.

c. Events (MR, BB, EP). No report was submitted.

d. Bench and Bar Conference 2021 (TaM, TeM, RT). A report was submitted. TaM reported. The committee wants to recommend to the board, due to COVID, to plan a virtual event rather than an in-person conference. It would still be the same day. Excellent keynote speaker was secured by TeM. Is the board ok with cancelling the University Club contract? We would need to update the announcements to reflect this change. There was a discussion about expanding the marketing to other bar associations. We discussed the concept of a reduced fee for participants, since it will be virtual. Sponsors could still be highlighted. We can look at what other bar associations are doing with respect to sponsors. TeM said that another organization is charging \$95 for three days of credit. We want people to attend so we should not charge too much. We discussed \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, or \$25 for the whole day, as well as firms with three or more attendees getting a reduced rate. The committee will confer about all of this and finalize numbers, as well as look into individualized links to each paying participant. We also discussed whether the state bar will change the “in person” MCLE requirements for members. No one has heard yet that this has been changed.

e. Bench and Bar Relations (IE). No report was submitted. IE reported. He has heard nothing from Judge Anderle about the southern California stipulation. The next bench and bar meeting will be on August 27th that will take place via zoom.

f. Fiscal (SD, MR). No report. No discussion.

g. Awards and Board Development (LC). A report was submitted. There was a discussion about the proposed attorneys who are interested in joining the board, and ED said there is another person who may be interested. She will bring this up at the September meeting. We also need to know who from Barristers’ and SBWL will be on the board. Jamie Raney award was suggested to be awarded to Jamie Raney posthumously. As far as timing, we tabled this to next month.

i. Legislative Liaison (EB, AH). No report. No discussion.

j. Grants (ED, AH, EB). No report. No discussion.

4. Old Business

a. CPA Update (re: taxes for unrelated income). ED reported and there was a discussion. Our former CPA said she did the taxes properly in past years. There is a motion that, based on our prior CPAs opinion and advice, we will not review retroactive ads for tax purposes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Court providing room with phone/laptop -- update. ED reported that pro per litigants seem to be able to appear via zoom, so this is not needed.

5. New Business--

New Bar Exam Cut Score – applied retroactively. Should the SBCBA take a formal position on this? ED reported and there was a discussion. We will not be taking a formal position on this.

Discussion about ED continuing for another year as President. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Upcoming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for SBL ad		Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	9-9-2020	NA		Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Postponed
Past Pres. Lunch	Postponed	NA		Justices' Reception	Postponed
Law Week	May			Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	Postponed	Postponed		Joint Board Meeting	12-9-2020
				Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.