

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

	Present		Present
President Elizabeth Diaz (ED)	X	Director Teresa Martinez (TM)	X
Vice President Eric Berg (EB)	X	Director Tara Messing (TM2)	X
Secretary Jennifer Gillon Duffy (JD)		Director Chad Prentice (CP)	X (phone)
CFO Stephen Dunkle (SD)	X	Director Erin Parks (EP)	X
Past Pres. Amber Holderness (AH)		Director Michelle Roberson (MR)	
Director Deborah Boswell (DB)		Director Russell Terry (RT)	X
Director Bradford Brown (BB)	X	Director Rosaleen Wynne (RW)	X
Director Larry Conlan (LC)	X		
Director Ian Elsenheimer (IE)	X	Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X

1. Call to Order—Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members

A meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order by President ED at 5:15 p.m. on February 12, 2020 in the Library Conference Room of the SBCBA in Santa Barbara.

2. State of the SBCBA

- a. The Minutes for the January 2020 meeting were approved.
- b. Financial Report— (SD) SD provided a draft budget and explained that we’ve been losing money and are projected to lose more. By way of background, the SBCBA was financially ahead in 2015 (thanks to a successful annual dinner honoring Judge Anderle) and decided to create a grants committee to consider donations to local non-profit groups. ED added that we could possibly use investment earnings toward grants, but, presently, we need to allow those earnings to accrue. Consequently, at this time, there will be no additional grants given. The Board reviewed the draft budget. A motion was made by LC to approve the budget as is; IE seconded the motion and the budget was passed by voice vote.

- c. Lawyer Referral Service Report—(LS). LS submitted a report. There were no questions.

3. Directors' Reports

- a. *SB Lawyer Magazine* (RW, CP). RW reported that covers will alternate between judges in the north and south counties. Next month's cover will be Judge Patricia Kelly and Judge Von Deroian will grace the April edition. RW reminded Board members that:

CP has both an ad and an article covered for the March issue;

EP and BB will have an article/ad respectively for the April issue;

TM will have an article in May and IE will look to securing an ad for that issue;

LC has been assigned to the month of June for both.

IE will provide an article in July and RT will provide an ad; and

ED will cover the month of August.

- b. MCLE (DB)-- Report submitted. No questions, but RW stated Estate Planning Section Head Connor Cote is planning a March program. LS will reach out to him.

- c. Events (MR, BB, EP)-- Report submitted. EP reported that they are looking at venues for the Past Presidents' Lunch (LS to provide a date per Judge Carrozzo). BB reported that he is coordinating with the BBQ crew for a date and location.

- d. Bench and Bar Conference

- i. 2020 (RW, CP)--. RW reported it was a great event with a low turnout. Discussion ensued about possibly holding the Conference on a Friday, maybe half-day, maybe ending with a happy hour. CP mentioned that the SB Club is expensive on weekdays and other venues should be considered. EB suggested dropping the price if it's half day session by ~20%.

- ii. 2021 (TM2, TM, RT)—Report submitted

e. Bench and Bar Relations (IE)—IE mentioned the dates of the upcoming meetings with Judge Carrozzo and also mentioned the changes in the courtrooms (judges being moved around). IE further informed the Board that there will be an agenda item for the next B&B Relations meeting regarding court reporters and the SoCal stipulation.

f. Fiscal (SD, MR)— See 2b above.

g. Awards and Board Development (LC)--No report.

h. Legislative Liaison—(EB, AH) No report

i. Grants (ED, AH, Jeff Chambliss)— ED reported that there was a grant request from the Environmental Defense Center. ED stated we are holding off on grants in 2020 (see 2b above).

4. Old Business – None.

5. New Business-- There was discussion about whether to hold the Justices’ Reception annually or in alternate years. Attendance and net income (or lack thereof) were discussed. This topic will be revisited next month.

5. Upcoming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for SBL ad		Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	3-11-2020	NA		Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	April 29	NA		Justices’ Reception	Oct.
Law Week	May			Annual Dinner	Nov.
Spring BBQ	June	3.6.19		Joint Board Meeting	12-9-2020
				Bench & Bar Conf.	Jan. 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.