

MINUTES
of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 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*
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)	X*		
Director Ian Elsenheimer (IE)	X	Staff: Exec. Director Lida Sideris (LS)	X
*via conference call (offered due to the coronavirus).			

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the SBCBA Board of Directors was called to order by President ED at 5:17 p.m. on March 11, 2020 in the Library Conference Room of the SBCBA in Santa Barbara.

2. State of the SBCBA

- a. The Minutes for the February 2020 meeting were approved without any changes.
- b. Financial Report— (SD) Reports were circulated prior to the meeting. TM had a question on line 478 of the Feb income statement – What did the \$4740 represent? LS to check and respond.
- c. Lawyer Referral Service Report—(LS). LS submitted a report. There were no questions.

3. Directors' Reports

a. *SB Lawyer Magazine* (RW, CP). A report was circulated prior to the meeting. BB and IE requested Media Kit, which will be circulated to the entire Board.

b. MCLE (DB)-- Report submitted. DB concerned about tax section, employment and debtor/creditor as being mostly, if not entirely, inactive. There was some discussion about combining the tax section with another section. There was also discussion about exploring webinars.

c. Events (MR, BB, EP)-- BB is in discussions with the BBQ crew regarding venue and date. Two dates offered: 6.19 and 6.26 (leaning toward the latter). EP to look into Carriage House. Tucker's Grove also under consideration.

d. Bench and Bar Conference (TM2, TM, RT)—Report submitted. 2021 team had a productive meeting with the 2020 team and are looking into venues.

e. Bench and Bar Relations (IE)—Report submitted. IE attended 1Q2020 meeting and asked Judge Carrozzo about the Court's position regarding the SoCalStip issue and court reporters. Judge Carrozzo passed the baton to Judge Anderle who stated the court may not accept depositions with the SoCalStip. The next step is to arrange a meeting with Judge Anderle to formulate policy. IE will select a few key individuals to attend the Anderle meeting, and perhaps a court reporting company representative should be present as well.

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 stated again that we are holding off on grants in 2020

4. Old Business – Continued discussion on whether the Justices' Reception should be held annually or every other year. Continued again until the April Board meeting.

5. New Business—Discussion as to whether entities requesting grants may be offered gratis ads in the *SB Lawyer* magazine (as space permits) since grants will not be extended this year. Members agreed it's good to find alternate ways to support local non-profit organizations. RT made a motion to permit such ad/promotion in the

magazine, as space permits. IE seconded the motion; motion passed by voice vote. Such promotion may also appear on the website and e-Newsletter.

There was additional discussion concerning adding a private portal to the SBCBA website to be accessed by members only, so that the magazine would not be available to the general viewing public. More research is needed into the costs of private practice. Also, Bar staff will look into the demographics of current membership (years in practice, etc.)

6. Upcoming SBCBA Events

Event	Event date	Last chance for <i>SBL</i> ad		Event	Event date
Next Board Meeting	4-9-2020	NA		Golf & Tennis Tourn.	Sept.
Past Pres. Lunch	April 29	Postponed		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 5:56 p.m.