District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
December 10, 2019

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Directors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez (phone), Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Jessica E. Adler, Elizabeth "Lisa" R. Dewey, A.J. S. Dhaliwal (phone), Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Janene D. Jackson (phone), Su Sie Ju, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Esther H. Lim (phone), Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More (phone), Bridget Rowan, Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi.

Board members David W. Arrojo, Catherine D. Bertram, and June B. Kress did not attend the meeting.

Continuing Legal Education Committee Chair Justin E. Dillon, Lawyer Assistance Committee Chair Julie Mitchell Newlands, and D.C. Bar General Counsel Marlon Q. Paz also attended the meeting.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting were Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, Dennis Cuevas, Carla J. Freudenberg, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Karen Savransky (phone), Darrin P. Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Hoffman presented her report, highlighting the role of voluntary bars and the passing of Barbara Whiting Wright. She also provided a recap of the Elaine Weiss event.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the November 12, 2019, meeting.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Rodriguez presented his report. He and staff fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 4.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report; he noted that applications are now available for the John Payton Leadership Academy. He invited Board member Gere to provide an update on the planning of the 2020 Conference.

See Tab 5.

Annual Report of the Lawyer Assistance Committee
(Agenda Item 6)

Committee Chair Julie Mitchell Newlands provided the committee report, noting that this has been the Lawyer Assistance Committee's most active year to date. She highlighted increased outreach and a focus on general wellness. She and Lawyer Assistance Program Manager Denise Perme addressed questions from the Board.

See Tab 6.

Annual Report of the Continuing Legal Education Committee
(Agenda Item 7)

Committee Chair Justin E. Dillon provided the report, noting a financial surplus and increased attendance. He indicated that the committee is reconsidering its partnership with the Communities. He also highlighted the online availability of the mandatory course, programming partnerships, CLE institutes, and Passports. He and CLE Director Dennis Cuevas fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 7.

Proposed Revisions to the D.C. Bar Investment Policy
(Agenda Item 8)

President Hoffman waived the two-meeting notice requirement. A motion to approve the policy as revised and amended was approved by the Board.

See Tab 8.

Approval of Procurement and Contracting Policy
(Agenda Item 9)

CEO Spagnoletti gave the background of the policy. General Counsel Marlon Q. Paz provided additional comments. CEO Spagnoletti fielded questions from the Board. A motion to approve the policy, excluding Appendices I and II, was seconded and approved.

See Tab 9.

Report of the Committee on Nominations
(Agenda Item 10)

President Hoffman provided a Report of the Committee on Nominations for a non-attorney member to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Governors. The vacancy will fill the open term expiring in June 2020, to be followed by a three-year term to expire in June 2023. A

motion to accept the committee's recommendation for the appointment of Lisa Lipsky, CPA, to the non-lawyer seat was seconded and approved, with abstentions from Board members Adler, Howard, and Takagi. Board member Lim did not participate in the vote.

See Tab 10.

Report of the Screening Committee
(Agenda Item 11)

Committee Chair Paul S. Lee provided a report of the Screening Committee recommending a nominee for appointment to the Judicial Nomination Commission, following a recommendation by President Hoffman that the committee consider additional candidates for the appointment. A motion to consider the committee's recommendation for the appointment of Georgetown Law Professor Deborah Epstein to the Judicial Nomination Commission was seconded and approved.

See Tab 11.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 12)

The Board then met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 13)

There being no further business, President Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney L. Weiner
Secretary