District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
May 14, 2018

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

At 11:30 a.m., President Patrick McGlone called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Esther H. Lim, Secretary Alva Waller Dial, Jessica E. Adler, Susan Low Bloch (phone), Rodney J. Bosco, Cindy A. Conover (phone), Elizabeth R. Dewey (Lisa), Karen E. Evans, Theodore A. Howard, Arian M. June, Megan Lacchini, Leah M. Quadrino, Gregory S. Smith, Keiko K. Takagi (phone), and Christopher P. Zubowicz.


Alexandra Miller, chair, Legal Ethics Committee; Marlon Q. Paz, General Counsel; Morton Posner, chair, Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee; and Michael M. Tryon, CPA, of Tate & Tryon (phone) also attended the meeting.
Executive Session
(Agenda Item 2)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Report of the Finance Committee
(Agenda Item 11)

Finance Committee Chair Christopher P. Zubowicz discussed the proposed revisions to the Reserve Policy and Investment Policy that the Committee recommends to the Board for adoption, and answered questions from Board members. The proposals will be voted on at the June 11, 2018, Board meeting.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 3)

President-Elect Esther H. Lim, chair of the Budget Committee, presented the FY 2018-19 draft budget of the D.C. Bar. The Budget was approved by the Board without objection.

Ms. Lim also introduced a proposal to amend Article III, Section 2(a) of the By-laws to increase the late dues payment fee from $30.00 to $50.00. The proposal was voted upon and approved by the Board without objection. The By-law was amended as follows:

Article III—Dues and Registration: Suspension and Reinstatement

Section 2. Administrative Suspension for Nonpayment of Dues

a. If the annual dues of any member have not been received by July 15 of the year in which the dues are due and payable, the Treasurer or his/her delegate shall send on forthwith to the member notice that his/her dues have not been paid, that a late charge of $35.00 $50.00 has been added to the unpaid dues, and further, that unless any unpaid late charges and any unpaid dues are received by September 30, the membership of such member shall be, and hereby is, automatically suspended administratively pursuant to this Section....
President’s Report 
(Agenda Item 4)

President McGlone presented his report.

Consent Agenda 
(Agenda Item 5)

President McGlone presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved two items: the minutes of the April 10, 2018, Board meeting; and the appointment of Peggy Lansbach O’More to the Board as a non-lawyer member, for a three-year term beginning in June 2018 and ending in June 2021.

See Tab 5.

Treasurer’s Report 
(Agenda Item 6)

Director of Finance Margarita Lorenzetti presented the report on financials for FY 2017-18 for the period ending March 2018. Ms. Lorenzetti fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 6.

CEO’s Report 
(Agenda Item 7)

Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti reported that the D.C. Bar ribbon cutting and grand opening event in April was a huge success. He noted other recent and upcoming events outlined in his written Report.

See Tab 7.

Annual Report of Legal Ethics Committee 
(Agenda Item 8)

Legal Ethics Committee Chair Alexandra W. Miller presented the 2016-17 annual report of the Committee, highlighting decisions the committee published on a variety of topics.

See Tab 8.
Annual Report of the Continuing Legal Education Committee  
(Agenda Item 9)

The report was postponed until the June 11, 2018, Board meeting.

Report of the Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee  
(Tab 10)

Morton J Posner, Chair, Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee reported on the Committee’s proposals to change the Bar committee appointment process, as well as the appointment process for several entities to which the Board exercises appointment powers. The Committee proposal also recommends sunsetting certain Bar committees and realigning several others. Mr. Posner addressed questions from the Board. The proposals will be voted on at the June 11, 2018, Board meeting.

See Tab 10.

Executive Session  
(Agenda Item 12)

The Board met again in Executive Session.

Adjournment  
(Agenda Item 14)

There being no further business before the Board, President McGlone adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Waller Dial  

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Secretary