

**District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
May 12, 2020**

**Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)**

The Board of Governors meeting took place via Zoom teleconference. President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, Elizabeth “Lisa” R. Dewey, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth “Sally” Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Esther H. Lim, Lisa A. Lipsky, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O’More, Bridget Rowan, Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi.

Board members David W. Arrojo and Janene D. Jackson did not attend 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, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Sabrina Fletcher, Carla J. Freudenberg, Alana Hyman, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Kristin Washington, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Legal Services Corporation President-Emeritus James J. Sandman and Strategic Planning Committee Chair Timothy K. Webster also attended the meeting.

President's Report (Agenda Item 2)

President Hoffman introduced James J. Sandman, who reported on the ABA Task Force on Legal Needs Arising Out of the Pandemic. President Hoffman announced the winners of the Bar's 2020 annual awards, and gave an update on the status of fundraising for the Presidents Reception. Immediate-Past President Lim commended President Hoffman and President-Elect Klineberg for their outstanding fundraising efforts.

Consent Agenda (Agenda Item 3)

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the April 14, 2020, meeting.

The Board approved the Screening Committee's recommendations for appointments to the following Bar committees:

- Board on Professional Responsibility (recommendations to D.C. Court of Appeals):
 - Attorney vacancies (*recommended by BPR*)
 - Mary C. Larkin
 - Lucy Pittman
 - Elissa J. Preheim
 - William Corcoran
 - W. Anthony Fitch
 - Theodore C. Hirt
 - Buffy J. Mims
 - Rebecca Smith
 - Kathleen Wach
 - Christian S. White
 - Other attorney names submitted:
 - Gregory B. Craig
 - Shawn P. Davisson
 - Public member vacancies:
 - Marcia M. Carter
 - Joel Kavet

- Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee (lawyer vacancies):
 - Yaido O. Ford
 - Hilary P. Gerzhoy
 - Laura E. Hankins
 - Steven C. Tabackman
 - Steuart H. Thomsen

- Neighborhood Legal Services Program
 - April N. Williams (to fill unexpired term)

The Board approved the addition of an anti-harassment provision to the Communities Policies and Procedures.

See Tab 3.

**Treasurer’s Report
(Agenda Item 4)**

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

See Tab 4.

**CEO’s Report
(Agenda Item 5)**

CEO Spagnoletti provided an update on the Bar’s operations during the COVID-19 crisis. Remote operations will remain in effect until at least June 30, 2020. He also reported on the Pro Bono Center’s successful effort to obtain a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, as well as the progress of the license fee renewal process. He noted the comparative increase in Bar election voter turnout over a similar period in the previous election year. CEO Spagnoletti discussed plans for a virtual Celebration of Leadership, tentatively scheduled for July 30, 2020, and potential rescheduling for the 2020 Bar Conference.

See Tab 5.

**Strategic Planning Committee Update
(Agenda Item 6)**

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Timothy K. Webster discussed the work of the Committee and answered questions from the Board.

**COVID-19 and Our Members
(Agenda Item 7)**

President Hoffman and CEO Spagnoletti discussed ways the Bar could acknowledge the losses of Bar members from the Coronavirus pandemic and recognize the many contributions members of the Bar are making to support community relief efforts.

The Board also discussed the importance of making known the existing free and low-cost resources available to Bar members.

**Executive Session
(Agenda Item 8)**

The Board met in Executive Session.

**Adjournment
(Agenda Item 9)**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Courtney L. Weiner
Secretary