

**UTAH STATE BAR
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

SNOWMASS, COLORADO

- In Attendance:** President Curtis M. Jensen and Commissioners: Kenyon Dove, H. Dickson Burton, Heather Farnsworth, Hon. Evelyn Furse, James D. Gilson, Susanne Gustin, John Lund, Janise Macanas, Herm Olsen, Rob Rice, Tom Seiler, and Angelina Tsu.
- Ex-Officio Members:** Nate Alder, Danielle Davis, Katherine Judd, Lori Nelson, Lawrence Stevens, and Gabe White. Executive Director John C. Baldwin, and General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright, Supreme Court Liaison Tim Shea.
- Not in Attendance:** Commissioners: Steven Burt, Mary Kay Griffin and Mike Leavitt
Ex-Officio Members: Robert Alder, James Rasband, Jesse Nix, Margaret Plane
- Also in Attendance:** Lincoln Davies, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, S.J. Quinney College of Law for Robert Adler, Aida Neimarlija, Amy Fowler, Kate Conyers and Sean Toomey, Utah State Bar Communications Director

Minutes:

1. Commission Met with Section Chairs and attended Leadership Conference

2. President's Report: Curtis Jensen

Curtis thanked those who attended the Section Chair and Leadership Conference and welcomed all the new faces at the meeting. Commissioners discussed feedback from Section Chairs. Jim Gilson asked Commission liaisons to touch base with their sections and committees and follow up with issues raised at leadership conference.

2.1. Welcome and Review Schedule

John Baldwin reviewed Summer Convention schedule and event locations.

2.2. Report on The Future of the Profession Project

Curtis Jensen is putting together a steering committee to address the future of the profession and what the Bar needs to do to be prepared to meet the needs of its members as the profession changes. Commission members discussed the fact that clients and law schools should be represented on committee. John Lund pointed out that the committee should be diverse. Lincoln Davies indicated that S.J. Quinney Law School would be very interested in participating. Tim Shea said that the Court would not drive project but would be glad to be involved. Eve Furse and Gabe White pointed that results should be

made available quickly and on the web.

2.3. Report on Arizona Convention Meeting

Curtis attended the annual Arizona Bar Convention and reported that the Arizona bar has one convention per year at which a lawyer can earn all of his or her CLE credit hours for the year. The Arizona convention also included speakers who addressed new practice realities.

3. Action Items:

NEW: Eve Furse moved to set aside \$75,000 in cash from the 2014-2015 budget to pay for a new pro bono database. **Rob Rice seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.**

3.1. Approve Final 2014-2015 Budget

John Baldwin discussed changed to proposed budget since the June 13, 2014 meeting. John pointed out an additional \$175,000 in cuts to the budget and pointed out that we are in the black despite considerable cash outlay for the new HVAC system and new database. The Commissioners then discussed the cost of the summer convention. Convention will lose \$35,000 this summer. Next year the convention will be in SunValley and the loss will not be as big. Jim Gilson pointed out the need for at least 500 people to attend next summer in Sun Valley and asked the Commissioners and sections to push summer convention attendance.

The Commission then discussed different ideas for a well attended and profitable summer convention. Gabe White pointed out that only 5% of bar members attend. Susanne Gustin pointed out that an out-of-state convention is too expensive for most of criminal defense bar and that a convention in Park City would appeal to them. Jim Gilson pointed out the Commission has had this discussion and voted to keep have next summer's convention in Sun Valley.

Angelina Tsu pointed out that some summer conventions have made money and that she is doing research into convention venues that could be profitable and potential speakers that will draw attendees. Commission members discussed the fact that convention attendance is down across the board as part of the changing nature of the practice.

Rob Rice moved to approve proposed 2014-2015 Budget. Kenyon Dove seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.

New: Lifetime Service Award

Need more names for the Lifetime Service Award

4. Discussion Items: Commission Reorganization

4.1. Welcome New Commissioners

4.2. Approve Committee Chairs

John Lund moved to approve committee chairs (Tab 2) Susanne Gustin seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.

The Commission approved the appointment of the following Committee Chairs: Admissions: Steven T. Waterman and Hon. James Z. Davis; Bar Examiner: David K. Broadbent and Tanya N. Peters; Bar Test Accommodation: Joan M. Andrews; Bar Journal: William D. Holyoak; Budget & Finance: Ray Westergard; Character & Fitness: Andrew Morse and Kimberly A. Neville; CLE Advisory: Jonathan O. Hafen; Disaster Legal Response: Andrea Valente Arthur and Brooke Ashton; Ethics Advisory Opinion: John A. Snow; Fee Dispute Resolution: William M. Jeffs; Fund for Client Protection: David R. Hamilton; Governmental Relations: John Bogart and Paxton R. Guymon; Member Resource: Robert L. Jeffs; Mentor Training and Resource: Tracy Gruber and Troy Booher; Unauthorized Practice of Law: Sarah Spencer and Jonathan Rupp; 2014 Fall Forum Bill Christensen and Sammi Anderson; 2015 Summer Convention: Hon. Dee V. Benson and Hon. Paul Warner.

4.3. Appoint Ex Officio Members

John Lund approved to appoint ex officio members. Eve Furse seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.

The Commission appointed the following ex officio members for the 2014-2015 year: the Immediate Past Bar President; the Bar's Representatives to the ABA House of Delegates; Utah's ABA Members' Representative to the ABA House of Delegates; the Utah Minority Bar Association Representative; the Women Lawyers of Utah Representative; the Paralegal Division Representative; the J. Reuben Clark Law School Dean; the S.J. Quinney College of Law Dean; and the Young Lawyers Division Representative.

4.4. Approve Executive Committee

Jim Gilson announced that the Executive Committee for 2014-2015 would be composed of himself, **Angelina Tsu, H. Dickson Burton, John Lund, Rob Rice and Margaret Plane.**

Eve Furse moved that the Executive Committee be approved. Susanne Gustin seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.

4.5. Adopt Resolution on Bank Signatures

Kenyon Dove moved to continue to have members of the Executive Committee serve as signatories on the Bar's checking accounts. **Rob Rice seconded the motion which passed with none opposed.**

4.6. Review 2014 Meeting Schedule and Retreat Information

Jim Gilson passed out a revised 2014-2015 Executive Committee and Bar Commission meeting schedule.

4.7. Sign Conflict of Interest Disclosures

The Commissioners signed the conflict of interest disclosure included in handouts

behind Tab 4. The Commissioners signed the disclosures and handed them to John Baldwin.

5. Information Items: Recognition of Retiring Commissioners

Eve Furse the retiring Third District Commissioner was recognized for her service on the Bar Commission.

HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING:

1. 2014-2015 Proposed Budget
2. Committee Chair Appointments
3. 2014-2015 Revised and Updated Executive Committee and Bar Commission meeting schedule.
4. Commissioner Conflict of Interest Disclosure
5. June 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes
6. Bar Commissioner Position Description
7. Board Responsibilities fact sheet
8. Summary of Bar Commission Reimbursement Policies
9. Map Of Snowmass Village

ADJOURNED: 5:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA (Tab 5):

1. Approved June 13, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes.