

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

MARCH 9, 2017

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

In Attendance: President Rob Rice, President-elect John Lund, Commissioners: Grace Acosta, John Bradley, Steven Burt, H. Dickson Burton, Kate Conyers, Heather Farnsworth, Liisa Hancock, Michelle Mumford, Herm Olsen, Cara Tangaro, and Katie Woods.

Ex-Officio Members: Dean Robert Adler, Nate Alder, Julie Emery, Amy Fowler, Rebekah Wightman, Melinda Bowen, Margaret Plane, Diana Hagen, and Supreme Court Liaison James Ishida.

Not in Attendance: Mary Kay Griffin, Heather Thuet; Ex-Officio Members: Dean Gordon Smith, Angelina Tsu, and Chris Wharton.

Also in Attendance: Executive Director John C. Baldwin and General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright.

Minutes: 1:15 p.m. start

1. President's Report: Rob Rice

- 1.1 Spring Convention Schedule.** Rob Rice reviewed the Spring Convention schedule and reported that 467 lawyers registered for the Convention.
- 1.2 Report on Legislative Session.** Rob Rice reported on actions taken by the Bar in opposition to HB93 which sought to repeal the authority of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to make rules related to the evaluation criteria used for the selection of judicial nominees. Kate Conyers noted the hard work and diligence of the Bar's Governmental Relations Committee during the legislative session.
- 1.3 Report on National Conference of Bar Presidents Meeting.** Rob Rice reported that he attended the ABA NCBP meeting in Miami in January. Rob reported on the value and importance of meeting with other bar leaders.
- 1.4 Update on ABA Review of OPC Operations.** We are still waiting on the report. When issued, the report will go to the Court first and then to the Bar.
- 1.5 Special Sun Valley Convention Award.** Rob asked the Commission if the Bar should create another award that would be presented by Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg when

she is in Sun Valley for the Summer Convention. The Commission discussed the pro and cons of having another award.

1.6 Update on 50 Year Pins Luncheon on April 14, 2017. There will be a luncheon for members who have been active for 50 years or more following the Commission Meeting on April 14, 2017.

1.7 Report on ABA President Linda Klein Visit. ABA President Linda Klein visited Utah for the day on March 7, 2017. She spoke at the University of Utah Law School and met with the Bar's Technology and Innovation Committee.

2. Action Items

2.1 Social Media Policy. The Commission discussed the proposed social media policy and determined more revisions should be made before final approval.

2.2 Client Security Fund 2017-2018 Assessment. Grace Acosta moved to ask the Court to assess members a \$5 Client Security Fund contribution for the 2017-2018 licensing period. Dickson Burton seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

3. Information Items

3.1 Review 2017-2018 Budgeting Process. The Commission discussed the need to review the proposed budget well in advance of the July 2017 meeting at which it will be approved. The proposed budget will be distributed to Commissions in advance of the April 14th Commission meeting during which a substantial portion of the meeting time will be devoted to budget review.

3.2 ABA Delegates' Report. Margaret Plane reported on the highlights of the ABA Delegates meeting in January.

3.3 Updates on Web Design Project and Practice Portal Web Site. John Lund reported that Euclid is building the practice portal and should have a demonstration for review the week of March 20th. Cara Tangaro reported that EKR should have a demonstration by April.

Rob Rice reported that EKR forgot to include the cost of the OPC portion of the website in the initial proposal. The cost for the OPC portion will be \$2000. The Commission discussed whether to challenge the additional \$2000 charge. **Grace Acosta moved to approve paying website developer EKR an additional \$2000 for the OPC portion of the website. Cara Tangaro seconded the motion which passed unopposed.** John Baldwin noted that the \$2000 will come from the capital budget.

3.4 Report on Leadership Academy Selection Process. Rob Rice reported that a participant from the 5th District has been selected for the next class as required by the Commission when it approved the Leadership Academy. Rob also reported that he has

asked the Leadership Academy Chairs to provide a written policy describing the selection process for the Academy.

4. Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Minutes from the January 20, 2017 Commission Meeting.
2. Approved Minutes from the January 24, 2017 Commission Conference Call Meeting.