

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

**MAY 11, 2018
LAW AND JUSTICE CENTER**

In Attendance: President John Lund and President-elect H. Dickson Burton. Commissioners: Grace Acosta, John Bradley, Steven Burt, Heather Farnsworth, Mary Kay Griffin, Liisa Hancock, Mark Morris, Herm Olsen, Michelle Quist, Cara Tangaro, Heather Thuet and Katie Woods.

Ex-Officio Members: Nate Alder, Erik Christiansen, Julie Emery, Diana Hagen, Jamie Sorenson and Bebe Vanek.

Not in Attendance: Kate Conyers, and Ex-Officio members: Acting Dean Bob Keiter, Amy Fowler, Dani Cepernich, Margaret Plane, Rob Rice, and Dean Gordon Smith.

Also in Attendance: Executive Director John C. Baldwin, Assistant Executive Director Richard Dibblee, General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright and Supreme Court Liaison Catherine Dupont.

Minutes: 9:10 a.m. start

1. President's Report: John Lund

- 1.1 Report on Meetings With Congressional Delegations.** John Lund reported that he, Dickson Burton, Margaret Plane and Frank Pignanelli traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with Utah's elected representatives as part of ABA Law Day. The ABA arranges the day and the topic is funding for the Legal Services Corporation. Utah representatives seemed to understand the importance of the funding.
- 1.2 Report on Summer Convention.** John Lund reported that Summer Convention Co-Chairs Justice Lee and Jen Tomchak have organized a great convention including keynote speaker Nina Totenberg. ABA President Hilary Bass will also attend to discuss retention of women in the practice.
- 1.3 Report on Supreme Court Review of OPC Report.** John Lund reported on the progress of the Committee reviewing the ABA recommendations about the Utah lawyer disciplinary process. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Utah Supreme Court which can accept or reject the various recommendations.
- 1.4 Report on Access to Justice Coordinating Committee.** John Lund reported that Retired Justice Durham and Amy Sorenson are co-chairing this committee whose goal is to coordinate all the groups that provide legal services to the needy in Utah in order to

make them aware of other providers and enable the organizations to work together when appropriate. Not all the groups are obvious legal services providers. For instance, the YWCA helps battered women get legal assistance with protective orders.

2. Action Items

- 2.1 Approve 2018-2019 Budget.** Kellie Bartz, the Bar's Finance Director, joined the Commission to discuss the 2018-2019 Budget. **After a review of the budget and a discussion of future revenue projections, John Lund moved to approve the 2018-2019 Budget. Herm Olsen seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

OUT OF ORDER

- 2.2 Select Committee of the Year Award Recipient** After discussing the nominees and the Awards Committee recommendation, **Cara Tango moved to award the Innovation in Law Practice Committee the Committee of the Year. Michelle Quist seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.3 Select Section of the Year Award Recipient.** After discussing the nominees and the Awards Committee recommendation, **Cara Tangaro moved to award the Cyberlaw Section the Section of the Year. Grace Acosta seconded the motion which passed unopposed**
- 2.4 Select Judge of the Year Award Recipient.** After discussing the nominees and the Awards Committee recommendation, **Michelle Quist moved to award Judge Thomas Higbee Judge of the Year. Katie Woods seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.5 Select Lawyer of the Year Award Recipient.** After discussing the nominees and the Awards Committee recommendation, **Michelle Quist moved to award Karra Porter Lawyer of the Year. Heather Thuet seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.6 Select Malpractice Insurance Endorsement Partner.** After discussing the final terms of the endorsement agreement, **Dickson Burton moved that the Bar enter into a two year endorsement agreement with ALPS. Heather Thuet seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

3. Discussion Item

- 3.1 Legal Market Survey Committee Report.** Mark Morris summarized the Committee Report on Lighthouse Research regarding individual and small business perception and use of legal services in the state. The Commission discussed the Committee's eight recommendations for action, including asking the Court for changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct to allow for the technological changes in the delivery of legal services.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Minutes from the April 6, 2018 Commission Meeting.

Handouts:

1. Graph of Projected Cash Balances.
2. Nomination packet for award recipients.