

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

**APRIL 19, 2019**

**PROVO, UTAH**

**In Attendance:** President H. Dickson Burton and President-elect Herm Olsen.  
Commissioners: Grace Acosta, Steven Burt, Heather Farnsworth, Chrystal Mancuso-Smith, Mark Pugsley, Tom Seiler, Heather Thuet, and Katie Woods.

**Ex-Officio Members:** Nate Alder, Erik Christiansen, Abby Dizon-Maughan, and Rob Rice.

**Not in Attendance:** Mary Kay Griffin, Mark Morris, and Cara Tangaro. Ex-Officio Members:  
Dean Bob Adler, Amy Fowler, John Lund, Margaret Plane, Dean Gordon Smith, Sarah Starkey, Bebe Vanek, and Lorraine Wardle.

**Also in Attendance:** Executive Director John C. Baldwin, Assistant Executive Director Richard Dibblee, and General Counsel Elizabeth A. Wright.

**Minutes: 9:15 a.m. start**

**1. President's Report: H. Dickson Burton**

**1.1 Professional Services Tax Follow-up.** Dickson Burton updated the Commission on the status of proposed legislation to impose a sales tax on legal services and other professional services. Dickson reported that the Legislature will establish a task force to study the tax legislation. The task force is expected to make an interim report in June and final recommendations in August. No word yet on who will serve on the task force. The Bar sent a letter suggesting appointment of tax lawyers to serve on the task force.

**1.2 Bar Commissioner Participation in Park City Convention Marketing.**

Commissioners were asked to reach out to lawyers and firm managers to encourage attendance at the 2019 Summer Convention in Park City. The Commission discussed the pro and cons of having the convention in Park City and the need to vary the location to appeal to different attendee interests. Some members see tremendous positives in having the convention in Park City. Some members enjoy Sun Valley and the tradition associated with a convention there. The Summer Convention will be held in Park City in both 2019 and 2020 to give members two opportunities to experience the Convention there. Dickson reported that Sun Valley inquired about our interest in having the convention there in 2021 and the need to reserve as soon as possible. After discussion about the current plan to rotate convention venues, **Heather Farnsworth voted to have the 2021 Summer Convention in Sun Valley. Grace Acosta seconded the motions which passed unopposed.**

## 2. Action Items

- 2.1 **Approve LPP Committee Creation and Membership.** Heather Farnsworth moved to appoint Julie Emery, Heather Allen, Jackie Morrison, Jess Hofberger and Melanie Vartabedian to serve on the LPP Admission Committee. John Bradley seconded the motion which passed unopposed.
- 2.2 **Approve LPP Marketing Funding.** After a discussing the proposed marketing proposal to market the LPP profession to prospective LPPs and to the public, Tom Seiler moved to approve spending \$20,745 through the end of the calendar year to market the LPP program. Herm Olsen seconded the motion which passed unopposed.
- 2.3 **Approve Regulatory Reform Task Force Funding.** Dickson Burton reported on the goals of the Supreme Court Regulatory Reform Task Force.
- 2.4 **Approve Supreme Court Recommendations for OPC.** After discussing the steps the Bar has taken and will take to implement the ABA's recommendations to eliminate perceptions of the Bar's involvement in Supreme Court Screening Panel hearings, and to begin by insuring signage in the Law and Justice Center reflects the separation of OPC and the Bar, Herm Olsen moved to table a vote on the changes. Heather Farnsworth seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

## 3. Discussion Items.

- 3.1 **Providing Lawyers' E-Mail Address as Public Information.** After discussing the need for all lawyers to be reachable by email, Katie Woods moved to change Bar policy to make member's email addresses public information. Tom Seiler seconded the motion which passed unopposed.
- 3.2 **Increasing Reimbursements for Speakers and Panelists.** Because the two Commissioners who have concerns about the current policy were absent, Herm Olsen moved to table the discussion and vote. John Bradley seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

## 4. Information Items.

- 4.1 **Well-Being Task Force Draft Report Recommendations.** Dickson Burton reported on the Utah Task Force on Lawyer and Judge Well-Being draft report and recommendations. Dickson highlighted actions that will be required of the Bar such as offering more well-being CLE courses.
- 4.2 **ABA Day in Washington Report.** Dickson Burton reported on the success of the ABA Day in Washington D.C. Bar leadership met with staff people for both Senators and all

four Representatives to discuss the importance of keeping loan forgiveness for lawyers who work in public service jobs.

**4.3 Western States Bar Conference Report.** Katie Woods, Dickson Burton and Herm Olsen reported on the Western State Bar Conference that took place in Hawaii in March. Katie highlighted the quality of the speakers and the focus on lawyer well-being.

**4.4 Bar Awards Schedule.** Commissioners were notified that Summer Convention award recipients would be chosen at the May Commission Meeting. Commissioners were asked to encourage nominations from membership.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approved Minutes from the March 7, 2019 Commission Meeting with the correction reflecting that Erik Christiansen was present by phone.

**Handouts:**

1. 2019 Park City Summer Convention agenda and marketing materials.