UTAH STATE BAR
BOARD OF BAR COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2018
PARK CITY, UTAH

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

Ex-Officio Members: Nate Alder, Abby Dizon-Maughan, Amy Fowler, John Lund, Margaret Plane, Dean Gordon Smith, Sarah Starkey, and Lorraine Wardle.

Not in Attendance: John Bradley and Ex-Officio Members: Dean Robert Adler, Erik Christiansen, Rob Rice, and Bebe Vanek.

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

Minutes: 1:15 p.m. start

1. President’s Report: H. Dickson Burton

   1.1 Report on National Conference of Bar Presidents Meeting. Dickson Burton reported on the National Conference of Bar Presidents meeting that took place in Chicago at the end of July.

2. Action Items

   2.1 Appoint Committee Chairs. After a review and discussion of the Committee Chair appointments, Tom Seiler moved to appoint the proposed Bar Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. Katie Woods seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

   2.2 Appoint Committee Charges. After a review of the charges to each Bar committee, Grace Acosta moved to approve the charges to the Bar committees. Cara Tangaro seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

   2.3 Appoint Commission Liaisons. Dickson Burton reviewed the committees, sections, local bars and other groups to which Commissioners are assigned to liaison and participate with. He asked Commissioners to reach out to their assigned groups to attend and participate.
3. Discussion Items

3.1 Mentoring Awards Process and Schedule. The Commission discussed the multiple mentoring awards given by the Bar, the difficulty in obtaining nominations each year and the confusion with the NLTP mentoring awards. The Commission asked the Awards Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the frequency of the awards and the best forum for presenting the awards. The Awards Committee was asked to make its recommendation by the second week of September 2018.

4. Information Items

4.1 ABA Delegates’ Report. Nate Alder and Margaret Plane reported on the highlights of the ABA Delegates’ meeting in July 2018.

4.2 Women Lawyers of Utah Report. Sarah Starkey reported that Women Lawyers has 783 members and that 320 women attend the annual retreat each fall. She also reported that the WLU will relaunch its 2008 initiative to survey women in the practice of law in Utah. The first survey was done in 2008 with data released in 2010. A new survey will be conducted with the help of Utah State University with data released in 2020 to make a 10-year comparison of data.

4.3 LALU Report. Amy Fowler reported that Brandon Mark is the new President of LALU. Goals for the organization include making more community connections and reaching out to LGBTQ individuals in rural areas who need legal assistance.

4.4 2018 Summer Convention Report. John Lund reported that 389 lawyers attended the 2018 Summer Convention. The financials are still being prepared.

4.5 “Cancer Bites” Announcement. Heather Farnsworth invited Commissioners to attend the fundraiser to raise money for cancer research.

4.6 Ex Officio Member Report. Lorraine Wardle reported the Paralegal Division is very active and provides 10 CLE events per year that are popular and free for Division members. Lawyers also attend the Division’s CLE events.

5. Other Business. None.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Minutes from the July 25, 2018 Commission Meeting.
2. Approved the appointment of Jugraj Dhaliwal, Kathryn Harstad and Adelaide Maudsley to three-year terms on the Utah Legal Services Corporation Board.