

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2017
OGDEN, UTAH**

- In Attendance:** President John Lund, President-elect H. Dickson Burton, Commissioners: John Bradley, Steven Burt, Kate Conyers, Liisa Hancock, Mark Morris, Michelle Mumford, Herm Olsen, Cara Tangaro, Heather Thuet, and Katie Woods.
- Ex-Officio Members:** Dani Cepernich, Diana Hagen, Margaret Plane, Jamie Sorenson, and Chris Wharton.
- Not in Attendance:** Grace Acosta; Heather Farnsworth, Mary Kay Griffin, and Ex-Officio Members: Dean Robert Adler, Nate Alder, Julie Emery, Amy Fowler, Rob Rice, and Dean Gordon Smith.
- 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

- 1.1 Firm Breakfast.** John Lund reported on the first of a series of breakfasts with representatives from law firms. Attendees at the breakfast discussed challenges facing firms and the preparedness of new lawyers.
- 1.2 Practice Portal and Website Roll Outs.** The new Bar website and the practice portal are up and running and the feedback has been good.
- 1.3 Report on Access to Justice Coordinating Committee.** This Committee will be charged with coordinating communication and coordination among all the different entities in the state that provide access to justice services and focusing on substantive improvements in delivery. John Lund is investigating potential chairs for the Committee.

2. Action Items

- 2.1 Client Security Fund Report.** Judge David Hamilton, Chair of the Client Security Fund, explained the Fund Report submitted to the Commission and discussed the payments the Fund proposes making. **Herm Olsen moved to approve the Fund Report and proposed payments. Cara Tangaro seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

- 2.2 Client Security Fund Chair Appointment.** Judge Hamilton recommended that Fund Committee member Steve Farr be appointed as Chair of the Fund for Client Protection. **Michelle Mumford moved to accept the resignation of Judge Hamilton and to appoint Steve Farr as Chair of the Client Security Fund. Katie Woods seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.3 Client Security Fund Rule Amendments.** After a presentation and discussion regarding why the rule needs to be changed to clarify that any lawyer on whose behalf a claim is paid may be administratively suspended until he or she reimburses the Fund, **Kate Conyers moved to approve the change to Fund For Client Protection Rule 14-904. Michelle Mumford seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.4 Approve Survey of Clients' Views on Services.** After a discussion regarding the RFPs submitted and the questions and methods proposed, **Kate Conyers moved to select Lighthouse to conduct the survey subject to clarification on some of the questions that will be asked of clients. Mark Morris seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

OUT OF ORDER – The Commission moved the discussion of ABA delegates to the end of the meeting so Chris Wharton could be present. Mr. Wharton was in Court and called to report he was on his way to the meeting.

3. Discussion Items

- 3.1 Bar Awards Process.** Herm Olsen reported that the Committee would be having a meeting the week of November 20, 2017.
- 3.2 ABA OPC Review Committee.** John Lund reported on the progress of the Court's committee to review the ABA's review and recommendations regarding the Office of Professional Conduct.
- 2.5 Approve Policy on ABA Delegates' Selection Process.** After a discussion regarding the proposed policy for selection of ABA Delegates and reimbursement of their expenses, **Kate Conyers moved to approve the policy with the changes suggested during discussion. Cara Tango seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.6 Select Bar ABA Delegate.** After a discussion of the applicants, **Kate Conyers moved to select Erik Christiansen as the Bar ABA Delegate. Michelle Mumford seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**
- 2.7 Select Bar YLD ABA Delegate.** After and explanation by Dani Cepernich of the YLD Board's selection process for the three candidates to recommended to the Commission and a discussion of the candidates, **Cara Tangaro moved to select Bebe Vanek as the YLD ABA Delegate. Kate Conyers seconded the motion which passed unopposed.**

3 Other Business. The Commission discussed the news reports of sexual harassment allegations against numerous well-known men, the problem of sexual harassment in the workplace, including legal workplaces. The Commission also discussed whether and how the Bar could help address the problem of sexual harassment within the legal profession.

4 Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

1. Approved Minutes from the October 6, 2017 Commission Meeting.