District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
April 14, 2020

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

The Board of Governors meeting took place via Zoom teleconference. President Susan M. Hoffman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Other members of the Board of Governors who attended the meeting were President-Elect Geoffrey M. Klineberg, Secretary Courtney L. Weiner, Treasurer Richard V. Rodriguez, Jessica E. Adler, Elizabeth "Lisa" R. Dewey, A.J. S. Dhaliwal, Elizabeth "Sally" Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Janene D. Jackson, Su Sie Ju, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Esther H. Lim, Lisa A. Lipsky, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Bridget Rowan, Saleema Snow, and Keiko K. Takagi.

Board members David W. Arrojo and Catherine D. Bertram did not attend the meeting.

John R. Jacob, Chair, Committee on Nominations, attended the meeting.

D.C. Bar staff who attended the meeting were Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Executive Director Rebecca K. Troth, Matthew S. Butler, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenberg, Amy Hackett, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Maurice Morrow, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Matthew Stephen, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Hoffman reported on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committees for the Bar and for the Pro Bono Center. She also discussed the launch of the 2020 Leadership

Academy. She announced the Access to Justice Commission's creation of a task force to address COVID-19-related issues and the work by the voluntary bars with the Capital Area Food Bank. President Hoffman noted concerns that she and CEO Spagnoletti had received about the ability of some lawyers to pay license fees during the pandemic. She reported on the postponement of the 2020 Bar Conference and acknowledged the work of staff and volunteer organizers on the conference. She acknowledged the work of Bar staff in adapting smoothly to the shift to remote work during the health crisis on a more expedited basis than originally planned.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Hoffman presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which approved the minutes of the March 10, 2020, meeting. The Board also approved the annual renewal of the 2017 Resolutions on Authority to Make Public Statements on Behalf of Court Funding, Court Vacancies, and Access to Justice.

President Hoffman and CEO Spagnoletti fielded questions from the Board.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Richard Rodriquez presented the Treasurer's Report. CEO Spagnoletti and staff addressed questions from the Board.

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CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti provided an update on the Bar's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote operations will remain in effect until at least May 18, 2020.

See Tab 5.

Report on the 2020 ABA Midyear Meeting
(Agenda Item 6)

ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner reported on the ABA Midyear Meeting, held in Austin, Texas in February. He discussed the ABA's response to the COVID-19 crisis. He reported on an ABA resolution to encourage states to allow the limited practice of law for 2019 and 2020 law school graduates affected by the the crisis. He also reported on resolutions considered at the ABA Midyear Meeting. President Hoffman congratulated Mr. Weiner on his receipt of the Father Drinan Award at the meeting.

See Tab 6.

Report of the Committee on Nominations
(Agenda Item 7)

Committee Chair John R. Jacob presented the slate of candidates for the 2020 D.C. Bar elections, including the candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Board of Governors, and delegates to the ABA. He addressed questions from the Board.

See Tab 7.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 8)

Budget Committee Chair (President-Elect) Klineberg summarized the budgeting process for FY 2020-21 and outlined the proposed budget and suggested adjustments from the budget proposed at the March 2020 Board meeting. President-Elect Klineberg, President Hoffman, and CEO Spagnoletti fielded questions from the Board. A motion to approve the budget for FY 2020-21 was approved.

See Tab 8.

Executive Session
(Agenda Item 9)

The Board met in Executive Session.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)

There being no further business, President Hoffman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney L. Weiner
Secretary