District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
April 12, 2022

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

President Chad T. Sarchio called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone via Zoom teleconference.

The following members of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Ellen M. Jakovic, Secretary Roger Lu Phillips, Immediate Past President Geoffrey Klineberg, Jessica E. Adler, Catherine D. Bertram, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Janene D. Jackson, Natalie M. Koss, June B. Kress, Megan Lacchini, Paul S. Lee, Lisa A. Lipsky, Fatema K. Merchant, Amy E. Nelson, Peggy Lansbach O'More, Ramya Ravindran, Diane A. Seltzer, and Courtney L. Weiner.

Treasurer Andrea Mangones and Board members Su Sie Ju and Brian K. Flowers did not attend.

D.C. Bar Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Spagnoletti and D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center Acting Executive Director Darryl Maxwell attended the meeting, along with the following Bar staff: Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenburg, Amy Hackett, Kathleen Lewis, Raymond List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Monica Page, Querry Raobelina, Delonte Rogers, Darrin P. Sobin, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Others in attendance included Donna M. Attanasio, Chair of the Committee on Nominations, Anita Josey-Herring, Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court, Charles A. McCullough, Chair of the Attorney/Client Arbitration Board, Mark A. Salzberg, Chair of the

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee, Nancy Sylvester, Consultant, and Robert N. Weiner, ABA State Delegate.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Sarchio presented his report, highlighting a joint letter from him and President-Elect Jakovic to members of the D.C. Council in support of the Access to Justice Initiative. Thirty past presidents added their names in support of the letter. He noted the upcoming special membership meeting on April 27 where the members will be asked to vote on various resolutions and reported on the Bar's Spring Wellness fair which addressed issues of burnout and stress in the legal profession.

President Sarchio also noted that the Pro Bono Center's fundraising campaign is underway and encouraged all members of the Board to participate. He announced that he had named Judith Sandalow, Executive Director of the Children's Law Center, as the recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Award. He also announced Susan Pascocello, Senior Advisor at the U.S. Agency for International Development, as the recipient of the Beatrice Rosenberg Award for Excellence in Government Service.

President-Elect Jakovic provided an update on the ABA Bar Leadership Institute which took place in March in Chicago. Programming focused on bar governance, communication, and leadership.

D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Anita Josey-Herring provided an update on court operations across all the divisions as well as anticipated vacancies on the bench. She shared that the "Reimagining the Courts" initiative has been vetted with all stakeholders over the last several months and is moving forward.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the March 8, 2022, meeting.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

CEO Spagnoletti presented his report. He noted that hybrid operations at the Bar will begin the first week in May and that the D.C. Bar and Communities Elections will be held from April 28th to June 1st. He also noted that the President's Reception will be held at the Renaissance Hotel on June 23rd.

CEO Spagnoletti reported on a visit from leaders of the New Jersey Bar during which several topics were discussed including hybrid protocols, IT, and joint programming with the New Jersey Bar. He welcomed Kelli Neptune as the new Executive Director of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, who will begin on May 23rd as well as Pamela Robinson as the new Communities Director, who will begin on May 16th.

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Report on the 2022 ABA Mid-Year Meeting
(Agenda Item 5)

ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner presented a report on the 2022 ABA Mid-Year meeting. The ABA House adopted resolutions opposing legislation that undermines voting rights, such as voter ID requirements and purging voter rolls, etc.

See Tab 5.

Report of the Attorney/Client Arbitration Board
(Agenda Item 6)

Committee Chair Charles A. McCullough presented the report of the Attorney/Client Arbitration Board on a proposed amendment to add a new Rule to the ACAB Fee Arbitration Rules of Procedure regarding remote arbitration hearings. The Board approved the proposed amendment.

See Tab 6.

Report of the Committee on Nominations
(Agenda Item 7)

Committee Chair Donna M. Attanasio presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which included the committee's recommendation to reappoint June Kress as a non-lawyer member of the Board.

See Tab. 7.

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Report
(Agenda Item 8)

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Chair Mark A. Salzberg provided the committee's final report on the proposed revised D.C. Bar Bylaws and new D.C. Bar Membership Manual. The Board voted in favor of the Committee's recommendations.

See Tab 8.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 9)

President-Elect and Budget Committee Chair Ellen M. Jakovic presented the Budget Committee's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and a proposal for additional funding for capital projects.

The Board approved the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the additional funding for capital projects.

See Tab 9.

Approval of Proposed D.C. Bar Policy on Public Statements
(Agenda Item 10)

General Counsel Erum Z. Mirza provided a report on the proposed D.C. Bar Policy on Public Statements.

The Board approved the proposed D.C. Bar Policy on Public Statements.

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Adjournment
(Agenda Item 12)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary