District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
September 24, 2021

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

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

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

Board member Lisa A. Lipsky did not attend the meeting.

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 and Pro Bono Center staff: Vanessa Batters-Thompson, Abi Baxendale, Angela Boone, Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, Dennis Cuevas, Akil Ellis, Carla J. Freudenburg, LaTanya Hunter, Gabriella Lewis-White, Raymond P. List, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Denise J. Perme, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Connie Sinclair, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Matthew Stephen, Suzanne Takeuchi, Crystal White, and Adriana Zick.

Others in attendance included Continuing Legal Education Committee (CLE) Chair Julienne W. Bramesco, CLE Vice Chair Patrick J. Coyne, Lawyer Assistance Committee Chair Julie Mitchell Newlands, and ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Sarchio requested the Board's assistance in recruiting qualified candidates for the 2022 D.C. Bar general election, the D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission, and in the continued search for the Executive Director of the Pro Bono Center.

President Sarchio also discussed an op-ed written by the President and the Chief Judges encouraging pro bono legal services by D.C. lawyers. He highlighted the ongoing work of the D.C. Bar Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee and discussed the procedures for communications and inquiries received by members of the Board from Bar members and other stakeholders.

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Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the July 13, 2021, meeting, and appointments to the Committee on Nominations, the Pro Bono Committee, and the D.C. Bar Foundation Board of Directors.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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Treasurer's Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Mangones presented her Report.

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CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti provided a report on the D.C. Bar's operational status, which included plans for a "soft opening" beginning October 4, 2021, and extending through February 14, 2022, with limited in-person events and otherwise continued remote work by staff.

CEO Spagnoletti also provided updates on membership renewals and license fees, CLE programming, and D.C. Bar headquarters tenants.

See Tab 5.

Report on the 2021 ABA Annual Meeting
(Agenda Item 6)

ABA State Delegate Robert N. Weiner presented a report on the 2021 ABA Annual Meeting.

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Annual Report of the Continuing Legal Education Committee
(Agenda Item 7)

Continuing Legal Education Committee Chair Julienne W. Bramesco presented the 2020-21 annual report of the CLE Committee.

See Tab 7.

Annual Report of the Lawyer Assistance Committee
(Agenda Item 8)

Lawyer Assistance Committee Chair Julie Mitchell Newlands presented the 2020-21 annual report of the Lawyer Assistance Committee.

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Adjournment
(Agenda Item 9)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary