

Governance Task Force

Minutes

March 11, 2013

Task Force members present: Rima Alaily (Chair); Paul Bastine; Steve Crossland; Ellen Dial; Lee Kerr; Doug Lawrence; and Hugh Spitzer. Nancy Isserlis and Carla Lee were absent. WSBA staff present: Paula Littlewood; Jean McElroy; and Margaret Shane. Others present: Steve Crossland (former Chair); Joe Dunn (CEO of the State Bar of California); Patrick Palace (WSBA President-elect); and Michele Radosevich (WSBA President).

Call to Order/Introduction

Former Chair Crossland called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Feedback from Board of Governors Meeting

Chair Alaily, Steve Crossland, and Paul Bastine reported on and discussed feedback on the work of the Task Force to date from the Board of Governors (BOG) at its March 8, 2013, meeting.

Former Chair Crossland also informed the Task Force that he had resigned as Chair and member of the Governance Task Force in order to devote his energies to other responsibilities. He also stated that President Radosevich had appointed Nancy Isserlis to the Task Force and appointed Rima Alaily as the new Chair of the Task Force. He noted that President Radosevich, at the March 8 BOG meeting, requested and received from the BOG the authority to appoint two additional members to the Task Force and indicated that she would make these appointments in the near future.

Guest Speaker: Joe Dunn, CEO of the State Bar of California

Former Chair Crossland introduced Joe Dunn, CEO of the State Bar of California, who gave a presentation on the recent governance changes made by the State Bar of California. At the direction of the State Legislature and with the concurrence of the Court, the State Bar of California is transitioning from a 23 member Board of "Governors," that includes 15 elected attorneys and six appointed public members, to a 19 member Board of "Trustees," that included six elected attorneys, seven appointed attorneys (by the Supreme Court and State Legislature),

and six appointed public members. Throughout his presentation, the Task Force and guests asked questions of Mr. Dunn.

Discussion of Task Force Business

The Task Force then turned its attention to the process for completing its task. In particular, it focused on identifying the key questions to be resolved and the means for doing so within the time allotted.

There were no action items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 22, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the offices of Stokes Lawrence in Seattle, Washington.