OFFICIAL MINUTES
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Austin Convention Center
Austin, TX
June 15, 2006

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas met in a regular session on June 15, 2006, at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. Chair of the Board Tom Godbold called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m., and Executive Director John Edwards called the roll. A quorum of voting Board members was present.

***Present*:**
Board Members: Hon. Ernest Aliseda, Michael D. Atkins, Cynthia J. Barela, Demetrius K. Bivins, Robert A. Black, Deborah Bullion, Ronald E. Bunch, Michelle Cheng, Michael Connelly, Karin R. Crump, Martha S. Dickie, J. David Dickson, John D. Ellis, Jr., Edward F. Fernandes, F. R. (Buck) Files, Jr., Rodolfo Garcia, Dr. Lloyd M. Garland, Tom Godbold*, David O. Gonzalez, Jim Hall, Van Galen Hilley, Rhonda F. Hunter, Bill Kroger, Michael D. Marin, William W. Miller, Jr., Robert D. Miller, Timothy W. Mountz, Carmen I. Perez, J. Goodwille Pierre, Mickey R. Redwine, Lee Ann Reno, Rocky Robinson, Elizabeth Rogers, Joe Shannon, Jr., Laura Bellegie Sharp, N. Henry Simpson III, Michael C. Smith, Randall O. Sorrels, Sandra L. Stewart, G. Allan Van Fleet, Travis E. Vanderpool, G. Thomas Vick, Gib Walton

Liaisons*: Judge A. Joe Fish, R. E. Thompson, Justice Dale Wainwright, Judge Barbara Walther

Section Representatives*: Pat E. Allison, Carolyn F. Moore, Judy L. Ney, Lisa M. Tatum

Excused Absences: Warren Cole*, Judge Lawrence E. Meyers*, Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez, Stephen Smith*, Michele Wong-Krause

(= nonvoting)*

A. Commission for Lawyer Discipline: Chair Mark White reported that the Commission leadership will change in the next year, and listed the new incoming members of the Commission; he noted this will be his last time addressing the Board of Directors. White highlighted the major items that the Commission has addressed over the last three years, including new rules, new internal operating rules, the infrastructure of the CDC office, budget, leadership, relationships with other entities, and post Sunset streamlining and improvements to the system. **[Exhibit I]**

B. Presentations and Swearing In of New Officers and Directors: Justice Dale Wainwright administered the oath of office separately to the incoming President-elect, Chair of the Board, and to the voting directors. A copy of *Robert's Rules of Order* was presented to incoming Chair Black, who gave general remarks, and presented a shadow box to Immediate Past Chair Godbold. President Dickie made remarks on Keller, the upcoming Legislative session, and her appointments to the Mental Health Task Force, and introduced 2006-07 President-elect Gib Walton, who gave remarks on his responsibilities during the coming year, and presented President Dickie with a rosewood gavel. (Outgoing President Rodriguez, who was not present due to illness, was to be presented with a shadowbox also.)

C. Report of the 2006-07 Chair of the Board: Chair Black remarked on his goals for the upcoming year and discussed the Board committee appointments; a compilation of assignments to Board committees and State Bar committees/sections were included in the Board packets.

D. Texas Young Lawyers Association: TYLA President Karin Crump gave a preview of the projects TYLA will be focusing on for the upcoming year, including preparing a legal guide for cancer patients,

assistance with the Pro Bar office in Harlingen for legal services to children, producing a video on the civil rights movement titled "They Had a Dream Too", and focusing on the importance of the judiciary. Crump also discussed the action item regarding bylaw changes relating to regular members, vote tallies, and election of directors from districts:

Lee Ann Reno moved for approval to amend the TYLA bylaws as discussed; Michael Smith seconded. Motion carried. [Exhibit J]

E. Executive Director: Executive Director John Edwards introduced Kevin Saul from Information Systems, and presented him with the Employee of the Quarter Award.

F. Texas Access to Justice Commission: ATJ Commission Chair James Sales gave a brief overview of the work of the Commission and spoke about increased access to justice to hurricane victims and expanding legal services, and addressed the legal aid funding issue for this year.

G. Annual Meeting Resolutions Committee Meeting: Lee Ann Reno reported on the current status of the resolutions for presentation during the Resolutions Committee meeting; the school finance reform resolution has been withdrawn, and the remaining resolutions to be presented are two Hispanic Issues Section resolutions on homeownership and immigration reform, the African American Lawyers Section voting rights resolution, and the International Law Section resolution on foreign lawyers. The Resolutions Committee will be working with the proponents on revising the resolutions prior to presentation during the Resolutions Committee meeting. **[Exhibit K]**

President Dickie gave an update on Outgoing President Rodriguez, and made remarks on his dedication and commitment to the State Bar and her appreciation for his help and knowledge over the past year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EXHIBITS ATTACHED

Exhibit I: Commission for Lawyer Discipline Report
Exhibit J: TYLA Bylaws
Exhibit K: Resolutions Committee Report