District of Columbia Bar
Board of Governors Meeting
December 14, 2021

Call to Order
(Agenda Item 1)

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

The following of the Board of Governors were in attendance: President-Elect Ellen M. Jakovic, Secretary Roger Lu Phillips, Treasurer Andrea Mangones, Immediate Past President Geoffrey Klineberg, Jessica E. Adler, Brian K. Flowers, Elizabeth (Sally) Gere, Theodore A. Howard, Su Sie Ju, 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.

Board members Catherine D. Bertram and Janene D. Jackson 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: Leith Alvaro, Federico Barillas-Schwank, Matthew S. Butler, Jessica Carlson, David Chu, Dennis Cuevas, Carla J. Freudenburg, Kevin Goode, Amy Hackett, LaTanya Hunter, Kathleen E. Lewis, Margarita Lorenzetti, Caterina Luppi, Lisa Martin-Morina, Erum Z. Mirza, Maurice Morrow, Monica Page, Andrea Rodricks, Delonte Rogers, Karen Savransky, Brittany Sims, Candace Smith-Tucker, Darrin P. Sobin, Suzanne Takeuchi, Crystal White and Adriana Zick.

Others in attendance included Communities Committee Chair Felicia C. Battista, Former Communities Committee Chair Alexander L. Reid, Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Member Christopher A. Glaser, and Consultant Nancy Sylvester.

President's Report
(Agenda Item 2)

President Sarchio presented his report which included highlights of the December 2, 2021 Washington Council of Lawyers (virtual) Annual Awards Ceremony and 50th Anniversary Celebration, at which past president Susan M. Hoffman was presented with the President's Award for Public Service, as well as the December 13, 2021 Communities Committee holiday celebration which featured a salute to local law schools and local law school leadership.

President Sarchio encouraged BOG members to submit nominations for the D.C. Bar Beatrice Rosenberg and Thurgood Marshall Awards and to post to the newly relaunched D.C. Bar blog (formerly called D.C. Voices). He requested BOG members' input on an article about lawyer burnout that he will be submitting to Law 360 in January 2022 and again called on BOG members to nominate individuals to serve on the Board.

Consent Agenda
(Agenda Item 3)

President Sarchio presented the Consent Agenda to the Board, which included the minutes of the November 9, 2021, meeting and executive session as well as revisions to the D.C. Bar's Investment Policy Statement.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

See Tab 3.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report
(Agenda Item 4)

Treasurer Mangones presented her quarterly report.

See Tab. 4

CEO's Report
(Agenda Item 5)

CEO Spagnoletti reported that the Bar's operational status remains the same; the D.C. Bar headquarters is still in its soft opening phase and is open to fully vaccinated staff and visitors on a limited basis. The Bar is planning to move to hybrid operations on or around February 14, 2022, circumstances permitting. He also introduced several new D.C. Bar employees.

See Tab 5.

Communities Committee Annual Report
(Agenda Item 6)

Former Communities Committee Chair Alexander L. Reid presented the 2020-21 annual report of the Communities Committee.

Current Communities Committee Chair Felicia C. Battista presented a proposal for the Board's consideration to move responsibility for approving Communities' steering committee nominations to the Communities Committee instead of the D.C. Bar Screening Committee.

The Board approved the proposal.

See Tab 6.

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Report
(Agenda Item 7)

Regulations/Rules/Board Procedures Committee Member Christopher A. Glaser presented an update on the committee's ongoing work on recommending changes to the D.C. Bar By-laws. A further report and formal proposal will be forthcoming in early 2022 for the Board's consideration.

See Tab 7.

Budget Committee Report
(Agenda Item 8)

President-Elect and Budget Committee Chair Ellen M. Jakovic presented the Budget Committee's recommendation that the Board approve a request to adjust the D.C. Bar's fiscal year 2022 capital budget.

The Board approved the Committee's request.

See Tab 8.

Spring 2022 Special Membership Meeting
(Agenda Item 9)

President Sarchio discussed the Spring 2022 Special Membership Meeting. The two issues that will likely be presented at the meeting include: (1) renewal of three resolutions authorizing the Board to speak about court vacancies, court funding, and access to justice; and (2) consideration of a new resolution which would permit the Board to make public statements about the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary.

Adjournment
(Agenda Item 10)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Lu Phillips
Secretary