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Contra Costa County Bar Association

Board Meeting

February 2, 2024

In person: 2300 Clayton Road, conference Room, Concord, CA
& Zoom

Board Members Present: David Pearson, Sutter Selleck, Mike Pierson, Pa'tanisha Pierson*, David Erb, Ericka McKenna, Dean Christopherson, Ann Battin, Punita Bhasin, Ray Robinson, Jonathan Lee, Ariel Lee, Terry Leoni

**P. Pierson serves on the CCCBA Board of Directors in her individual capacity and not as an official representative of the City of Brentwood.*

Board Members Absent: Dorian Peters

Staff: Jody Iorns, Executive Director

Board Meeting Call to Order: D. Pearson called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 pm

New Business

Membership: D. Pearson discussed the list of names of members who have not yet renewed who had been members this past year. He asked the members of the Board to review the list and to reach out to those that they know to remind them to renew. Membership renewal has been extended to 2/15/24.

State Bar Dues Increase – D. Pearson advised the Board that the State Bar of California has a proposal to increase dues before the Board of Trustees. The State Bar of California would like to hold townhalls in any local Bar Association communities to outline the reasoning behind the proposal and to field questions. After brief discussion and by consensus, the Board agreed to invite the State Bar to host a Townhall.

Old Business

Laura Ramsey Memorial Activities: S. Selleck shared with the board that they communicated with Laura Ramsey's husband about ways in which CCCBA could honor Laura and the work she did for our community. He agreed that sharing the GoFundMe project was appropriate and asked that communications be directed to Laura's website as they are working to collect messages, pictures, and other information to share with their kids as they get older. S. Selleck also introduced the idea that they and E. McKenna have to change the CCCBA Board Star Award to the Laura Ramsey Memorial Award. Brief discussion was held regarding this proposal. **A. Lee moved, and E. McKenna seconded a motion to change the CCCBA Star Award to the Laura Ramsey Memorial Award.** *Motion passed unanimously.*

Reports

90th Anniversary Gala: J. Iorns updated the Board on the progress of the Gala. Brian Copeland will be the Emcee and tickets/sponsorships are being purchased at a healthy rate. Capacity for the event is 360 and approximately 50 tickets and 14 sponsorships have been sold.

Finance Report: Included in Budget Review

Committee Reports – The Port Chicago Task Force report was attached and J. Lee gave a verbal report encouraging Board members to volunteer some time and support this effort. As this will be the 80th Anniversary of the Disaster, he and the Task Force feel that great momentum is building to actually realize exoneration for the Port Chicago 50. He hopes the Board members will give an hour or two of their time to reach out to our elected representatives to spread the word.

Announcements

Lunar New Year Dinner on 2/22/24 – tickets selling fast!

Consent Calendar

S. Selleck moved/R. Robinsons Seconded to approve January 10, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.