

# MINUTES

## Contra Costa County Bar Association

### Board Meeting

March 8, 2024

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

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

**Staff:** Jody Iorns, Executive Director; Tia Gurtner, Finance and Operations Manager; Joel Lemus, Executive Assistant

**Board Meeting Call to Order:** D. Pearson called the Board Meeting to order at 5:38 pm

#### New Business

**Introductions of New Staff:** D. Pearson welcomed Tia Gurtner and Joel Lemus to the CCCBA Staff and invited them to share a little bit about themselves.

**Request for a Peace Vigil** – The CCCBA member who requested this item be added to the agenda was unable to attend the Board meeting. P. Bhasin shared with the Board about the request – to hold a peace vigil to address the lives lost in Gaza and Israel. D. Pearson invited interested parties to attend a future Board Meeting to propose a motion for consideration by the Board.

#### Old Business

**Laura Ramsey Memorial Activities:** E. McKenna gave brief update and advised is working with S. Selleck on drafting the language for use in CCCBA outreach and support efforts.

**State Bar Dues Increase** – J. Iorns is in contact with the State Bar to identify a time/date for the Townhall to address the proposed State Bar Dues increase.

#### Reports

**CCJFA:** R. Robinson gave brief overview of the work CCJFA is currently doing. The logo is in the final phases decision. Further, J. Iorns reports that a lot of time is being dedicated to creating the logistical foundation of the organization: establishing a bank account, developing a donation portal, creation of a website, etc. The CCJFA has identified short term and long-term projects and priorities. The immediate future is dedicated to supporting the Gala and building the foundation for CCJFA. D. Pearson requested that a copy of the Bylaws be provided to CCCBA.

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala:** J. Iorns shared that as of this meeting date we have 35 sponsors, 190 tickets sold, and \$101,500 in sponsorships, tickets and ad sales. We have the potential of selling out, so please encourage folks you know who want to attend to secure tickets ASAP!

**Finance Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter finances to be included at the next Board meeting.

**Section and Committee Reports** – included in Board Packet.

#### Announcements

**Lunar New Year Dinner** – event was a fantastic success!

**Bar Leaders Institute:** J. Iorns and S. Selleck to travel to Chicago for the American Bar Association Bar Leaders Institute which is held every year. 3/12 through 3/16.

**Solano & CC County Bar Mixer to be held on 3/14/24**

**Computers update:** J. Iorns has secured the upgraded computers and Tia is taking the lead on working with Liffey to set up and get them working for each staff person. M. Pierson asked about the status of the Diversity training for the staff and J. Iorns updated that the plan is in development.

<b>Consent Calendar</b>
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**P. Pierson moved and S. Selleck Seconded** to approve February 7, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.**