

National Conference of Bar Foundations

Board of Trustees Midyear Board Meeting

February 1, 2018 (meeting started at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m.)

Pan Pacific

Vancouver, Canada

The meeting was called to order by President Leslie Barineau at 2:30 pm. She welcomed everyone to Vancouver. **Present Members**: Leslie Barineau, Andrea Stone, Lorrie Albert, Mary Groth, Deborah Auspelmyer, Jim Huggler, Karen Ruan, Nikki Tucker Thomas, and ABA staff Rebecca Green-Jablonsky. **Absent members**: Tom Hull, Ali Fannon, Hinda Carbon, Kevin Cousins, Kirra L. Jarratt and Daniel Burns.

Leslie noted that diner for tonight has been changed to Cin Cin's an upscale Italian restaurant. Reservations are at 7:00 and we have 24 RSVP's. Leslie mentioned that we have no first time attenders to introduce, but we do have some of our speakers and guests attending the dinner. We have 28 registered for the conference.

Leslie reported that two board members still need to sign the Board member expectations sheet. She also encouraged all board members to join her in making their personal contribution to NCBF. Rebecca will let us know if we already made a donation this year.

Leslie called for a vote to approve the minutes from the board conference call on December 14, 2017, motion made, seconded and approved.

Treasurers report - Rebecca provided the treasurers report, in Kirra's absence, for fiscal year 9/1/2016 through 8/31/2017. She included statement of financial position through December 2017. Since midyear conference happens after December not all revenues and expenses have been documented. She reported that 72 agencies and 4 individuals have paid their memberships and \$500 to date in NCBF board member personal contributions. The financials show a small amount of funds that could be considered reserve funds and discussions were had over separating the money out of general operating. Leslie will look into opening a reserve account.

Membership report - Membership Chair Tom Hull was not present so Leslie and Rebecca reported that 76 memberships are currently paid. This is up from 2016 which was only at 63 memberships. Tom's committee did a great job contacting past and new bar's to encourage and grow membership. Our goal for 2018-19 is 90 organizational members.

Website report - Leslie reported that her president's column has been consistent and she will do her next column on this Vancouver Midyear conference. Deborah reported that her committee has provided website updates and Rebecca works with Irving to get changes made. Every month a NCBF member is spotlighted. Alabama was first and Mary, Karen and Deborah have articles they will submit. The member website password is NCBF2018. All were encouraged to take photos at the conference and get them to Rebecca for the website.

Listserv report - Deb scheduled Board members to post various questions to provide on-going member interaction and education. She will update website to have a blurb that encourages listserv questions. The posting instructions are complete so anyone should be able to use listserve.

Document bank – Lorrie reported that she requested board members to email her their updated documents. She received several and has updated the document bank. She will be working on this over the next couple of months. She will request, via listserve, documents from all of NCBF membership.

Vancouver mid-year meeting – February 1-3, 2018 –Andrea’s program committee did excellent work with program content. Andrea reported that she is excited about the meeting content which includes a Gates Foundation representative and a planned giving speaker from Pittsburgh and a round table discussion titled “What keeps you up at night?.” Also exciting is a session Saturday morning about managing stress through mindfulness and relaxation techniques. Included in Saturday session will be three table discussions on large fundraisers, donor recognition and community impact measures.

Award report – Nikki reported that the awards committee selected Deborah Gross, past president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation as this year’s winner of the NCBF Award for Excellence. Deborah will accept award at our NCBF Saturday morning meeting.

Future mid-year meetings – Rebecca reported that NCBP is still considering doing away with their mid-year meeting. This would hurt NCBF because we share costs and programing and sponsorships. NCBP has other meetings their members can attend, however, NCBF does not. Contracts are signed through 2019 so if NCBP decides not to host mid-year meetings would not be till 2020. Leslie, as NCBF president, will be included in discussions with NCBP on this mid-year meeting issue. The board discussed hosting our own meetings, may be not in February but before the August Annual meeting so our NCBF group can still meet twice a year. Discussion was had on possible locations and ways to keep costs low.

Bar report- Andrea reported on the outpouring of support after Hurricane Harvey. They had an online donation site up and running by the Monday after the storm hit Houston. NCBF members contributed \$33,000. Texas Bar Foundation has awarded emergency grants for \$170,000 with the largest going to a local bar.

Respectfully submitted,



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For Thomas M. Hull
NCBF Board Secretary