

National Conference of Bar Foundations
Board of Trustees Conference Call Minutes
May 16, 2018
Via Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by President Leslie Barineau at 2 pm CT. Those on the call included: Lorrie Albert, Deb Auspelmyer, Dan Burns, Hinda Carbon, Mary Groth, Jim Huggler, Tom Hull, Kirra Jarratt, Karen Ruan, Andrea Stone, Nikki Tucker Thomas and ABA staff Rebecca Green-Jablonsky.

The minutes of the February 1, 2018 Board meeting in Vancouver were approved with one minor correction in paragraph two "dinner vs. diner". Kirra, Jim and Tom abstained since they were not present at the meeting. Thanks to Karen for taking the minutes in Tom's absence.

Budget report:

A budget report from Kirra showed that we are slightly ahead of last year at this same time. Dues revenue has met goal. Both revenue and expenses for the Vancouver meeting were below budget and there were no scholarships awarded for Vancouver either. Total revenue through April 30, 2018 is \$25,513 and total expenses \$8,636. There is excess revenue over expenses of \$16,877. Additional contribution revenue was discussed and Board members who had not yet given committed to do so very soon.

Membership report:

Tom reported that we have 76 organizational members which is an increase from last year. There are also six individual members. We will work hard in 2018-19 to sustain a pattern of growth in the NCBF ranks.

Chicago Annual Meeting, August 2-4, 2018:

Andrea is excited about the meeting content which will include a Thursday afternoon joint session with the ABA since they have secured Rod Rosenstein, Deputy US Attorney General as a major speaker. We will adjust our Board Meeting time to 2-3:30 pm since this ABA program will start at 4:15 pm. There is possibly a joint Thursday night dinner with NCBP at Millennium Park. An alternate site that Rebecca has identified is Kitchen in River North very close to the ABA if the joint event does not happen. The Friday morning NABE/NCBP/NCBF joint session will be a TED-talk style format on the topic of Game Changing Leadership & Innovation and our own Bob Glaves will moderate this session. In addition, we have a return visit by Lynne Wester who was very popular when she presented at a previous meeting. Her Friday afternoon sessions are entitled "Telling the Untold Story of Unrestricted Impact" and "The Four Pillars of Donor Communication". Saturday morning will include the Lexis/Nexis Partnership for Success Award and roundtable networking sessions.

Lorrie reported that she is working on a new sponsor Bloomerang software which they use in Pittsburgh. Tom also reported that NC Bar Foundation is beginning its transition to Bloomerang too.

There will be two scholarships available for the Chicago meeting which include a comp registration and a \$500 stipend. This is available since there were no scholarship applications in Vancouver. It was mentioned that an e-mail blast to the membership about scholarships would be good example of a member benefit. It could also include a notice of the June membership renewal coming in the mail.

Awards:

Leslie reported for Nikki who had to drop off the call that the Lexis/Nexis Partnership for Success Award had two nominations - The CANLAW Clinic from the Austin Texas Bar and the Missouri State Barister Program. There was quick consensus that the CANLAW Clinic was the clear winner. The application was very well done and the program is replicable. It provides estate planning clinics for cancer survivors and their families.

Nominations report:

Lorrie explained that we are allowed between 11-15 Board positions. There are four nominations - two second term candidates – Kirra Jarratt and Deb Auspelmyer and two new candidates - Elizabeth McElroy, Birmingham Bar Foundation and Candice Jones, Oklahoma Bar Foundation. The full report which also lists the continuing Trustees is in the meeting hand-outs. The Board was supportive of these candidates.

Website report:

The Resource Library always needs additional materials to share with other bar foundations. Categories were reviewed and work will be done by Lorrie, Mary and Karen on this important resource for our members. We are also looking for member testimonials and videos in the future.

Deb is working on the next Member Spotlight so please submit your suggestions to her. We want to post various questions to provide on-going member interaction and education between our semi-annual meetings.

Listserv report:

Rebecca reported that the possible in-kind sponsorship by Community Brands/YM is on hold since they are re-evaluating all commitments since their merger/acquisition. We will continue to utilize the services of our existing webmaster Irvin for now.

Bar reports:

Andrea reported that the positive feedback on the outpouring of donations after Hurricane Harvey continues. She again thanked everyone for their donations.

Newsletter:

NCBF 1.2.3 will highlight the upcoming Chicago meeting.

By-laws update:

We anticipate that work on our by-laws review will start soon since Jim Huggler volunteered to get that process started.

With no further business the conference call concluded at 3:10 pm CT. President Leslie thanked everyone for their service and looked forward to seeing everyone in Chicago.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Hull
NCBF Board Secretary

