

AGENDA ITEM

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THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING

FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

SANTA MONICA

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007

The Board of Governors of the State Bar of California convened in a Special Meeting for the Election of the 2007-08 President of The State Bar of California, pursuant to section 6021 of the Business and Professions Code, at the call of the President and upon written notice thereof, in the Wilshire I & II Rooms of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel Santa Monica, 101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401, at 1:02 p.m., on Friday, July 20, 2007, Sheldon H. Sloan presiding.

The following members of the Board of Governors were present: Ruthe C. Ashley, Jeffrey L. Bleich, Matthew Butler, Laura N. Chick, George Davis, Marguerite D. Downing, Bonnie Dumanis, John J. Dutton, Jeannine English, Richard A. Frankel, Holly J. Fujie, William H. Gailey, Jo-Ann Grace, John P. McNicholas, Howard B. Miller, Danni R. Murphy, James N. Penrod, John E. Peterson, M. Carmen Ramirez, Richard A. Rubin, and James A. Scharf.

The following members of staff were present: Starr Babcock, Saul Bercovitch, Resty Buenavidez, Diane Curtis, Itzel Berrio, Gary Clarke, Larry Doyle, Scott Drexel, Francisco Gomez; Teri Greenman; Karen Hagelund, Robert A. Hawley, Heather Irwin, Judy Johnson, Dean Kinley, Pat Lee, Nancy McCarthy, Marie Moffat, Gayle Murphy, George Scott, Biljanna Sivanov, Cathy Torney, Peggy Van Horn, Anthony Williams, Colin Wong, Larry Yee, and Mary Yen.

Also present: Tina Bay, *MetNews*; Don J. DeBenedictis, *Daily Journal*; James O. Heiting, immediate past president; Mike McKee, *The Recorder*; Justice Douglas Miller; and Patti White, newly elected District 3 Board member.

The President announced that this was the special meeting for the election of the President of The State Bar of California for the 2007-08 year.

Mr. Sloan reminded the Board that the format for this year's presidential election would be in a dialogue format, and that to facilitate this new format, that relevant portions of the Procedures for the Election of the President had been waived by the Board at prior Board meetings during his tenure.

The three-person panel, composed of the candidates, Ruthe C. Ashley, Jeffrey L. Bleich, and Marguerite M. Downing, each, in turn, assumed lead of the panel. Board members engaged in dialogue with the candidates, and posed several questions to each regarding current and possible future policies of the Bar, as well as queries on several major issues that the Bar faces, or may face in the future.

Following this dialogue, the Board proceeded by secret ballot to vote to the election of the 2007-08 President of The State Bar of California, with the term of office commencing upon the adjournment of the 80th Annual Meeting in September in Anaheim, and elected Jeffrey L. Bleich.

The Board adjourned its special meeting at 2:15 p.m.