

AGENDA ITEM

NOVEMBER 10

[Minutes, Election of the 08-09 State Bar President]

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING

FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 2008-09 PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008

The Board of Governors of the State Bar of California convened in a Special Meeting for the Election of the 2008-09 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 Board Room of the State Bar office, 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, at 1:02 p.m., on Friday, July 11, 2008, Jeffrey L. Bleich presiding.

The following members of the Board of Governors were present: Matthew B. Butler, Laura N. Chick, George O. Davis, Bonnie M. Dumanis, John J. Dutton, Jeannine English, Richard A. Frankel, Holly J. Fujie, William H. Gailey, William N. Hebert, Rex Heinke, James B. Hussey, Paul A. Kramer, Jr., Michael D. Marcus, John P. McNicholas, Howard B. Miller, Danni R. Murphy, James N. Penrod, John E. Peterson, M. Carmen Ramirez, Richard A. Rubin, and Patricia P. White.

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, Biljana Sivanov, Cathy Torney, Peggy Van Horn, Anthony Williams, Colin Wong, Larry Yee, and Mary Yen.

Also present: Stephen Baetge, *MetNews*; and Mike McKee, *The Recorder*.

The President announced that this was the special meeting for the election of the President of The State Bar of California for the 2008-09 Board year.

Mr. Bleich reminded the Board that the format for this year's presidential election would be similar to that of last year, i.e., dialogue format, and, in order to facilitate this format, that relevant portions of the Procedures for the Election of the President had been waived by the Board at prior Board meetings.

The three-person panel was composed of the candidates Holly J. Fujie, Danni R. Murphy, and M. Carmen Ramirez. Having previously decided on the order and time of the candidates' responses, President Bleich posed several questions to each candidate, in order, 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 2008-09 President of The State Bar of California, with the term of office commencing upon the adjournment of the Bar's 81st Annual Meeting in September in Monterey, and elected Holly J. Fujie.

The Board adjourned its special meeting for the election of the 2008-09 State Bar President at 2:15 p.m.