



BAR COMMUNITY

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The State Bar Appointments Committee is currently accepting applications from *active members in good standing* to fill the following upcoming vacancies. Application forms are due at the State Bar office by **Friday, Oct. 3, 2008**, and can be obtained by calling Carrie Sherman in the State Bar's Phoenix office at (602) 340-7201 or Amy Ihrke in the State Bar's Tucson office at (520) 623-9944. An application also can be downloaded from the Bar's Web site (www.myazbar.org – refer to *Appointment Committee News*).

The Standing Appointments Committee and the Board of Governors consider all aspects of diversity in their recommendations and appointments.

DNA—People's Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors

Application Deadline: Friday, Oct. 3, 2008

Purpose: This 24-member board provides direction to the largest Native American legal services program in the country. The State Bar of Arizona is allotted three seats on the board. Since its inception in 1967, DNA, a non-profit corporation, has pursued an aggressive program of legal advocacy for the disadvantaged, has actively promoted community legal education, and has been instrumental in the advancement of the Navajo Nation's court system, which serves as a model for tribes across the nation.

Openings: One appointment will be made by the State Bar's Board of Governors. DNA board member Faith C. Klepper (Calderón Law Offices, Phoenix) is completing her final term and is ineligible for

reappointment. The State Bar's other representatives are Milagros A. Cisneros (Federal Public Defender's Office, Phoenix) and Craig W. Soland (Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix).

Criteria/Qualifications: Applicants must be active members of, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Arizona. Judicial members are also eligible to apply. The DNA board meets four times per year, usually on a Saturday, in Window Rock, Ariz. Expenses are paid (by DNA) for all meetings, but there is no other compensation for service as a board member.

Term: Four years.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS JUNE MEETING REVIEW

Below are highlights from the June 17, 2008, meeting of the State Bar Board of Governors. To see the complete minutes, go to www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo/BOG/BoGMinutes.cfm.

- ▶ The Board ratified the committee's action during executive session with respect to the approval of the special action response.
- ▶ **President's Report**—President Dan McAuliffe announced that new board members present were Emily R. Johnston, Tajudeen "Taj" O. Oladiran and Tom Crowe.
- ▶ **New Officers**—The board congratulated Edward F. Novak on becoming President and Raymond A. Hanna on becoming President-Elect of the State Bar of Arizona. For the 2008–2009 year, the board elected Alan P. Bayham, Jr., as First Vice President, Joseph A. Kanefield as Second Vice President and Amelia Craig Cramer as Secretary/Treasurer.
- ▶ **Receipt and Certification of Election Tellers Report**—The

board voted unanimously to receive and certify the Election Tellers Report for districts 6 and 8.

- ▶ The newly elected board members are: District 6 (Maricopa County)—Alan P. Bayham, Jr. (incumbent), Stephen M. Dichter (incumbent), Diane L. Drain (incumbent), Richard D. Coffinger (incumbent), Joseph A. Kanefield (incumbent), H. Leslie Hall (incumbent), Tajudeen "Taj" Oladiran, Tom Crowe; District 8 (Pinal County)—Richard T. Platt (incumbent), Michael C. Mason will automatically serve as a voting member of the board during his year as President of the Young Lawyers Division.
- ▶ **ABA Delegate**—John Furlong, General Counsel, presented as an informational item a proposed addition to the current policy on ABA delegates that one member be the past president of the Board of Governors to serve for a term of one year unless he or she chooses to

decline the appointment.

- ▶ Susan Villareal is unable to serve as the State Bar's House of Delegate representative for the ABA Annual Meeting this August in New York. The board authorized President-Elect Ray Hanna to serve as the delegate in her place.
- ▶ **New Committee**—Ed Novak reported that a rule petition in regard to in-house counsel is pending before the Supreme Court. In order to integrate this group into the Bar and to cement our relationship with those in-house counsel who are licensed in Arizona and those who may become licensed, the board approved the creation of an In-House Counsel Committee.
- ▶ **Finance Committee Report**—Joe Kanefield reported that the Finance Committee proposes a partial redirection of Client Protection Fund assessments toward Bar operations. The CPF trustees feel they have sufficient resources to pay claims

well into the future. The proposal is to redirect \$10 of the CPF assessment per member in 2009, \$15 in 2010 and \$20 in 2011. The total cost of membership would not change. The board approved the proposal. President McAuliffe will notify the Supreme Court of the Board's request.

- ▶ **Legal Services Committee**—The board approved and will send a letter to the Court on the committee's behalf regarding Petition R-06-0023 to amend rule 38(d)(3) of the rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona.
- ▶ **Proposed Rules of Procedure for Eviction Actions**—The board approved the State Bar's Reply to Comments Received With Regard to Proposed Rules of Procedure for Eviction Actions.
- ▶ **Executive Director's Report**—Teresa Schmid reported that the board's retreat will be held at the Radisson Woodlands in Flagstaff and the member survey will be discussed. Larry

McVey, Chief Financial Officer, is retiring July 31, and the search for his replacement is progressing.

- ▶ **CFO Report**—Larry McVey announced that the Finance Committee approved \$50,000 for AV equipment for the new CLE space. He forecasted that additional programming and rental of the space would generate additional revenue to offset the purchase.
- ▶ The board authorized staff to approve the renewed line of credit subject to review of the final documents by General Counsel, John Furlong. The staff is instructed to move forward on the loan commitment.
- ▶ **Chief Bar Counsel Report**—Robert Van Wyck provided a report. He reminded the board of the procedure for responding to inquiries by the public regarding discipline matters.
- ▶ **Diversity Report**—I. Godwin Otu, Diversity Director, reported that the final session and graduation of the Charter Class of the Bar Leadership Institute had been held at the Supreme Court Building. He thanked Dave Byers for arranging use of the facility.
- ▶ **Other News**
 - ▶ The Young Lawyers Division has elected new officers. Next year they plan to take YLD on the road, visiting rural counties and cities. The first visit is scheduled for Flagstaff and will include a tour of the courthouse.
- ▶ **Board Retreat**—Ed Novak, incoming President, reminded the Board of the July 10-11 retreat in Flagstaff.
- ▶ **Meeting Schedule**—The next board meeting will be held on Aug. 22, 2008. The full schedule is posted on the Bar's Web site: www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo/BOG/BoardofGovernors.cfm

PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS, AWARDS



The bankruptcy and litigation firm Schian Walker PLC announced that **Mark C. Hudson** was promoted to member. The firm also hired **Cody J. Jess** and **Scott R. Goldberg** as associates.

Sanders & Parks PC announced that **James C. Goodwin** and **J. Arthur Eaves** have become partners in the firm. Goodwin practices medical malpractice defense and professional and product liability, and Eaves practices health care law and medical malpractice defense.

HONORS AND AWARDS



Lizzette Alameda Zubey, an associate with Lewis and Roca LLP, was appointed president of **Los Abogados**, Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association.



Paradise Valley attorney and business leader **Barbara McConnell Barrett** was sworn in as **U.S. Ambassador to Finland** in April. Barrett was nominated by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.



Stefan Palys, an associate with Lewis and Roca LLP, was elected to the board of **Phoenix Theatre**.



Quarles & Brady LLP attorney **C. Bradley Vynalek** was elected to the board of the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**, Arizona Chapter.



Dennis J. Shields, dean of the Phoenix School of Law, has been

appointed to the boards of the **Greater Phoenix Urban League** and the **YWCA-Maricopa County**.



Greenberg Traurig LLP shareholder **Pamela M. Overton** was named Woman of the Year by *Arizona Woman* magazine.



Paul Eckstein, a partner with Perkins Coie, received the **Burton Award** in June. The Burton Awards are given by an academic organization to honor clear and effective legal writing.

Clint Bolick, an attorney with the Rose Law Group pc, was named one of "30 Champions" by the *Legal Times*.



Jennifer Barnes, director of the Clinical Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, was elected co-president of **Community Legal Services** in Phoenix along with **Thomas W. Jones**, a lawyer in the La Paz County Attorney's Office.



Garland A. Brown Jr., an attorney with Greenberg Traurig, was appointed to the board of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix**.



Gallagher & Kennedy PA announced that three shareholders received



honors. Firm co-founder **Michael K. Kennedy** earned the Community Service Award from the **Arizona Diamondbacks**. **Patrick J. McGroder III** received the Kenneth P. Clancy

Professionalism Award by the **American Board of Trial Advocates**. **Paul K. Charlton** received an Honorary Membership to the **Order of the Coif**.

People Item Submissions:

Members are invited to send items for the People column to

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or to **Tim Eigo, Arizona Attorney, 4201 N. 24th St., Ste. 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016.**

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