

Oregon State Bar Meeting of the Board of Governors

March 1, 2002
Open Session Minutes

The Open Session of the Board of Governors was called to order by President-Elect Charles Williamson, Friday, March 1, 2002, at 4:19 p.m. and adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Board members participating in the Open Session in person were Charles Williamson, Frank Hilton, John Tyner, Gerry Gaydos, William Carter, Lisa LeSage, Bette Worcester and Mary Burrows. Board members participating in the Open Session via conference call were Bruce Anderson, James Brown, Sarah Rinehart, Ronald Bryant, Jon Hill, and Nena Cook. Oregon State Bar staff participating was Karen Garst, George Riemer, Donna Richardson, and Teresa Bowen. Also participating was Julene Quinn, representative of the Workers Compensation Section.

1. Request from Workers Compensation Section to sponsor a Monte Carlo night at the section's annual meeting in Salishan in May 2002.

- A. Direct Karen Garst, Executive Director of the Oregon State Bar, to sign the gaming license application.
- B. Consider whether the section can donate funds generated from this event to the Gruber irrevocable trust fund.

Mr. Brown presented a request for the Workers Compensation Section to have a Casino Night. The Section proposed that the Executive Director of the bar sign the gaming license and the proceeds from the Casino Night go to charity. The original request had been submitted to the Policy & Governance Committee, which recommended denial of the request by a vote of 4 – 2 in favor of the proposal.

Julene Quinn, representative from the Workers Compensation Section, presented the section's arguments in favor of the request. The board discussed the bar's *Keller* policy and the pros and cons of having the bar affiliated with a gambling event. The board understood that the Monte Carlo night was a fundraiser, but a number of the board's members did not feel comfortable instructing the Executive Director bar to sign a gaming license.

Action: Mr. Anderson moved, Ms. Rinehart seconded, and the board unanimously approved a motion to deny the request.

2. Good of the Order

Mr. Williamson presented information concerning the 2003 National Legal Aid Conference, which is scheduled to be held in Portland. Ed Harnden would like to chair a committee to sponsor a social event associated with this conference. Mr. Williamson suggested the board authorize Mr. Lopez to appoint Mr. Harnden to serve in that capacity

and organize a committee to help put on this event. The board agreed by consensus to authorize the establishment of this committee. A formal motion will be presented to the board for approval at its April meeting.