

Oregon State Bar
Meeting of the Board of Governors
March 4, 2005
Special Open Session Minutes

The special meeting of the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors was called to order Friday, March 4, 2005, at 12:00 p.m. by President Nena Cook and adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Board members present were Tim Gerking, Carol Skerjanec, Rick Yugler, Frank Hilton, John Enbom (by phone), Gerry Gaydos (by phone), Bette Worcester, Marva Fabien, Albert Menashe, Linda Eyerman, Mark Comstock, Nena Cook, Dennis Rawlinson, and Jon Hill. Staff present was Karen Garst, George Riemer, and Teresa Wenzel. Also present was Robert Browning, House of Delegates member from Region 4.

1. Policy and Governance Committee

A. Waiver One Meeting Notice Requirement

1. Section 18.6 - Suspension of Service of Member of the Board of Governors, Local Professional Responsibility Committees, and State Professional Responsibility Board While Formal Disciplinary Proceedings are Pending Against the Member; Appointment of Temporary Replacement for Suspended Board of Governors Member

Mark Comstock, chair of the Policy and Governance Committee, presented information concerning the committee's efforts to propose an amendment to Bar Bylaw 18.6 in order to deal with selecting a temporary replacement for a board member suspended under the bylaw. Mr. Browning, House of Delegates member from Region 4, offered input from the region, including its belief: (1) no real vacancy exists because Mr. Paulson is suspended, yet not removed from the board; (2) the board has no authority to appointment a BOG member for Region 4; and (3) the region should have the opportunity to recall its board member and in the event the region elects not to recall, the region should remain without board member representation.

The Policy and Governance Committee has prepared a draft amendment to Bar Bylaw 18.6 for the board's review at it April 8, 2005 meeting. This meeting will satisfy the one meeting notice requirement regarding that proposal.

2. For the Good of the Order

- A. Ms. Cook indicated the Member Services Committee would like board members to assist the committee in finding qualified out-of-state attorneys for the House of Delegates' twelve out-of-state vacancies.

- B. Mr. Hill indicated the Committee on the Judiciary would meet Saturday, March 5, 2005, at 8:15 a.m. Phyllis Edmundson will lead the discussion on the topic of judicial evaluations and Chief Justice Wallace P. Carson, Jr. will attend. Mr. Hill encouraged all board members to attend.