

Oregon State Bar
Meeting of the Board of Governors
August 4, 2006
(Conference Call, 12:00 p.m.)
Open Session Agenda

(Note: For ease of future research, the minutes are written to conform to the order of items as they appear on the agenda, rather than in the order in which they were considered by the Board.)

The regular meeting of the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors held by conference call was called to order Friday, August 4, 2006, at 12:03 p.m. by President Dennis Rawlinson and adjourned at 12:53 p.m. Present were Mark Comstock, John Enbom, Marva Fabien, Gerry Gaydos, Tim Gerking, Ward Greene, Jon Hill, Albert Menashe, Dennis Rawlinson, Carol Skerjanec, Robert Vieira, Bette Worcester, Theresa Wright, and Rick Yugler. Staff present was Karen Garst, Susan Grabe, Kay Pulju, and Teresa Wenzel. Also present for part of the call was The Honorable David V. Brewer.

1. House of Delegates

A. 2006 HOD Agenda

Action: Mr. Gaydos moved, Ms. Skerjanec seconded, and the board unanimously approved the HOD Agenda.

2. Judicial Selection Committee

A. Oregon Supreme Court Vacancy

Action: The board unanimously approved the committee motion to approve the summary of information regarding the candidates for the Oregon Supreme Court vacancy.

3. Public Affairs Committee

A. Initiative Update

Mr. Gaydos presented information concerning the committee motions and Judge Brewer expressed his personal opinions concerning Ballot Measure 40, regarding the redistricting of appellate districts.

Action: The board approved the committee motion to oppose Ballot Measure 40 and the TABOR initiative, Ballot Measure 48 (yes, 13; no, 1 [Skerjanec]; absent, 2 [Eyerma]).

Action: The board approved the committee motion to (a) provide information in opposition to the measure on the bar's website and engage in an educational campaign against the measure; (b) submit a statement in opposition to the measure in the Voters Pamphlet; and (c) submit a board resolution to the House of Delegates opposing initiative petition number 14 (yes, 12; no, 1 [Skerjanec]; absent, 2[Eyerma, Minson]).

Action: Mr. Gaydos moved, Mr. Yugler seconded, and the board approved the motion to provide \$5,000 for public polling concerning Ballot Measure 40 (yes, 11; no, 3 [Skerjanec, Comstock, Wright]; absent, 2[Eyerman, Minson]).

Action: Mr. Yugler moved, Mr. Enbom seconded, and the board unanimously approved the motion to support the HOD resolution to oppose the TABOR initiative, Ballot Measure 48.

4. Policy and Governance

A. Bylaw Changes Regarding

Action: Mr. Comstock presented and the board unanimously approved the committee motion to ratify changes to the Bar Bylaws, which had been presented to the board at its July meeting.

5. New Bar Center

Mr. Rawlinson informed the board that pursuant to the board's direction at the July meeting, negotiations have been completed on the lease/option to purchase contract with OPUS Northwest, LLC and he will be signing the documents next week.