# **Oregon State Bar** Meeting of the Board of Governors

December 7, 2007 **Open Session Minutes** 

President Albert Menashe called the meeting to order on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 9:05 a.m. and it adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Those present from the Board of Governors were Albert Menashe, Tim Gerking, Terry Wright, Kathy Evans, Bette Worcester, Ward Greene, Rick Yugler, Jon Hill, Ann Fisher, Gerry Gaydos, Linda Eyerman, Robert Vieira, Carol Skerjanec (phone), and Robert Lehner (phone). Staff members present were Karen Garst, Ira Zarov, Kay Pulju, Margaret Robinson, Kateri Walsh, Rod Wegener, and Helen Hierschbiel. New board members present were Audrey Matsumonji, Gina Johnnie, and Steve Piucci. Also present was Phyllis Lee.

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## 1. 2009 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Ms. Wright moved, Ms. Evans seconded, and the board unanimously passed a motion to approve the 2009 meeting schedule.

# 2. Approve PLF Excess Rate

Mr. Zarov summarized his memo to the board. Even though there is concern that the sub-prime rate may adversely effect the rates, the PLF is not asking for an increase this year and is only anticipating a possibility of a need for a small increase next year.

Motion: Ms. Worcester moved, Mr. Gerking seconded, and the board unanimously passed the motion to approve the PLF Excess Rates.

### 3. Elimination of Bias Proposal

The board discussed EOB issues, but no action was taken.

#### 4. **Executive Session**

A. (Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(1)(f) and (h) - separate packet)

The board entered Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

In open session, Ms. Worcester moved, Ms. Evans seconded, and the board passed the Motion: motion to give authorization to Ward Greene to execute the Purchase Option and if necessary, to pursue alternative financing through Thrivent (yes, 13; no, 1 (Eyerman); absent, 1 (Fabien).

5. Good of the Order (Non-action comments, information and notice of need for possible future board action)