

Oregon State Bar
Special Meeting of the Board of Governors
September 24, 2008
Open Session Minutes

The telephone conference meeting was called to order by President Rick Yugler at noon on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, and adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Members present from the Board of Governors were Kathy Evans, Ann Fisher, Gerry Gaydos, Tim Gerking, Ward Greene, Kellie Johnson, Gina Johnnie, Christopher Kent, Robert Lehner, Audrey Matsumonji, Carol Skerjanec, Robert Vieira, Bette Worcester, Terry Wright, and Rick Yugler. Oregon State Bar staff Karen Garst, Sylvia Stevens, and Teresa Wenzel were present.

1. House of Delegates Annual Meeting

The board discussed the pros and cons of having another House of Delegates meeting prior to the end of 2008. Board members' generally were in favor of a meeting, but expressed the following concerns: there may still be a problem obtaining a quorum; it would be an economic burden on members outside of the Portland area to attend another meeting so soon; there would be an additional cost to the bar and its members; and it may be difficult for members to attend due to full and/or filling schedules. The board discussed possible solutions, which included access to the meeting via video conferencing, conference call, or web casting; but the expense and logistics of the electronic technology did not seem advisable.

Motion: Mr. Gerking moved, Mr. Vieira seconded, and the board passed the motion to schedule a special meeting of the Oregon State Bar House of Delegates on Friday, November 7, 2008, commencing at 1:30 p.m. using the same agenda as the one for the September 13, 2008, annual meeting. The motion passed with Ms. Wright abstaining.

The board agreed that Mr. Yugler would draft a letter of notice and concern to the House of Delegates members and an additional letter of notice to the entire Oregon State Bar membership. The letters will be e-mailed to all OSB members with a registered e-mail address and contain a link to the Oregon State Bar website, where the agenda will be posted for reference. For those OSB members who do not have a registered e-mail address, a hard copy of the letter with the link to the agenda will be sent by regular mail.