

Minutes
Virginia State Bar
Construction Law & Public Contracts Section
Board of Governors Meeting
November 5, 2015
Charlottesville, Virginia

- I. Call to Order 6:00 p.m. – Present: Shannon Briglia (Chair, Presiding), Jennifer Mahar (Vice-Chair), Chris Boynton (Secretary), Barrett Lucy (Treasurer), Mike Branca (Immediate Past Chair), Hanna Blake, Chris Hill, Jesse Keene, Scott Kowalski, Alison Mullins, Christopher Page, Jonathan Straw, Spencer Wiegard, Randy Wintory. Absent: Mark Crawford, Dan Fitch, Arnie Mason, Judge Ballou, Judge Turk, Dolly Shaffner.
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2015 – Minutes were approved unanimously, and reading dispensed with.
- III. Membership/Financial Report – Barrett Lucy provided a summary of the highlights of the Financial Report distributed to Board members before the meeting. The budget remains strong with current balance of \$11,394.97 as of September 30, 2015.
- IV. Chair's Report – Shannon welcomed the board to Charlottesville, highlighted the changes made to the Construction Law handbook, and then yielded the floor to the committee chairs for their reports.
- V. Fall Seminar 2015 – Chris Boynton advised that the section was likely to break a registration record for the Fall Conference that was happening concurrently with this meeting. Jonathan Straw coordinated the Young Lawyers division meet and greet before arriving at the Board meeting. It was decided unanimously that Shannon and Jennifer would work to secure a new location for the 2016 Fall Conference Board Meeting and Dinner.
- VI. Handbook Committee Report – Scott Kowalski reported that the case updates were live and available on the website and that pages had been updated with search tools. Scott will provide a tutorial to the section membership on how to access and use the Handbook at the Fall Conference as part of the Case Law update session. He advised that this committee could use a larger budget allocation in future years to support its efforts.
- VII. Newsletter Committee Report – Hanna Blake advised that the newsletter went out last week by email and that her committee was under-budget. She reminded all in attendance that if they knew anyone interested in submitting an article for the newsletter to let her know and that the Spring newsletter goes to the printer on May 1, 2016.

- VIII. 2015 Membership/ Membership Committee Report – Alison Mullins reported that the Northern Virginia Happy Hour occurred at BJ's at Tyson's Corner on October 7th. Approximately 30 people were in attendance, and that a few new members joined the section at the event. She and Scott Kowalski are planning an Ethics CLE Program in the Lynchburg area in February or March 2016 and that a DC event is in the works.
- IX. Publications Committee Report – On behalf of Committee Chair Arnie Mason, Shannon Briglia reported that three construction law articles were being published in the December 2015 edition of the Virginia Lawyer. Shannon further reported that the section had been selected to publish articles in the December 2016 edition as well.
- X. Website Committee Report – Christopher Page reported that the website was up to date and that the website had been transitioned to him from Spencer Wiegard.
- XI. Summer Program 2016 – Chris Boynton reported for Dan Fitch that the committee had been approved to present, in partnership with the Litigation and Local Government sections, a showcase CLE at the VSB Summer Meeting that would tie in to the recent U.S. v. McDonnell case and the evolving law as to what constitutes official acts and honest services for public officials, and that the speaker panel had been confirmed.
- XII. Young Professionals – Shannon Briglia reported that Jon Straw was spearheading the Young Professionals reception in the Commonwealth Room at the Boar's Head, but that the room was hard to find.
- XIII. New Business – Shannon Briglia reported updated committee assignments for the upcoming year.
- XIV. Adjournment occurred at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the VSB offices in Richmond.