

Board Meeting Minutes
Virginia State Bar
Construction Law & Public Contracts Section
June 16, 2017

- I. **Call to Order 12:05 p.m.** – Present: Jennifer A. Mahar (Chair, Presiding), Christopher S. Boynton (Vice Chair), J. Barrett Lucy (Secretary), Hanna L. Blake (Treasurer), Alison R. Mullins, Daniel L. Fitch, Spencer M. Wiegard, Randall H. Wintory, Scott W. Kowalski, Arnie B. Mason, Lauren P. McLaughlin and Ms. Dolly Shaffner.

Absent: Mark D. Crawford, Christopher G. Hill, Jesse S. Keene, Christopher T. Page, Jonathan J. Straw, Hon. Robert S. Ballou and Hon. Richard T. McGrath

- II. **Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2017** – Alison R. Mullins moved for the approval of the minutes and Spencer W. Wiegard seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- III. **Financial Report** – Hanna L. Blake reported, referencing the financial report. However, Hanna noted that the updated numbers were not available. Jennifer Mahar noted that she had a copy of the May 31, 2017 report and that our Section had \$1,600.00. Hanna noted the larger expenses associated with the Bar lunch and Oceanaire. Chris Boynton advised that the cost of the June 15, 2017 dinner was \$845.00. Hanna discussed the new accounting system implemented by the Virginia State Bar. It was stated that our Section has returned funds the last two (2) years.

- IV. **Chair's Report** – Jennifer Mahar thanked members of the Board for their support and assistance during her time as Chair.

- V. **2017 Fall Seminar Committee** – Alison R. Mullins reported. Alison discussed some of the obstacles encountered during the 2016 Fall Seminar. Alison explained that the theme for the 2017 Fall Seminar will have half of the program focus on topics not strictly focused on construction law, and the remainder focused on the traditional construction law topics.

The 2017 Fall Seminar committee is trying to find a balance between advance topics and general topics. Alison explained that no topic will exceed one hour, except for the Ethics and Construction Law update.

It was again noted that the weekend scheduled for the 2017 Fall Seminar will take place during a UVA football game and that it is also parents weekend at UVA. It was suggested that Board members promptly secure a room for the 2017 Fall Seminar.

Chris Boynton commented that going forward the Board should be sensitive to the interplay of MBP and speakers at the Fall Seminar. Specifically, the Board should be cognizant of the number of opportunities provided to MBP to speak at the Fall Seminar.

- VI. **Handbook Committee** – Spencer W. Wiegard reported. Spencer advised that the Handbook Committee will be sending out cases to be digested by the end of July. Spencer stated that the Handbook Committee will make every effort to limit the cases to construction related matters. Spencer requested that we advise if we receive a case that does not appear to be construction related.
- VII. **Newsletter Committee** – Hanna Blake reported. The electronic version of the Newsletter was sent out on Monday, June 12, 2017. There was a brief discussion about possibly adding members to the Newsletter Committee. Hanna briefly updated the Board about the Newsletter articles.
- VIII. **Membership Committee** No report. Jennifer Mahar noted that efforts are being made to conduct an ethics webinar in July, 2017.
- IX. **Publications Committee** Discussion concerning the author/topics for the February, 2018 publication. Chris Boynton noted that Jay Stroland advised that he was available and willing to write an article.
- X. **Website Committee** No Report.
- XI. **2017 Annual Meeting Committee** – Daniel L. Fitch reported. Jennifer Mahar noted that it was an overall great program with excellent speakers. There was a discussion concerning the status of the ongoing renovations and construction at the Cavalier Hotel. Chris Boynton noted that he anticipated that the status quo would prevail for at least another year. It was noted that Kristan Burch is the outgoing Chair of the Litigation Section and that Kristan has been a significant help tying our Section into the Litigation Section.
- XII. **Young Professionals Committee** No report.
- XIII. **Federal Government Contracting CLE Program** – Shannon Briglia reported via email to Jennifer Mahar. The CLE will take place on September 12, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. at Waterford at Fair Oaks.
- XIV. **Old Business** – Jennifer Mahar reported. Discussion concerning the proposed joint program with the Maryland State Bar. Jennifer noted that due to the present financial constraints on our Section the joint program will be delayed until the Fall, 2017.
- XV. **New Business**
- A. The *Nomination Committee* included the following persons:
Shannon Briglia, Chair
Christopher Boynton
Kristan Burch
Michael Branca
- B. The *Nomination Committee* recommendations for 2017-2018 were as follows:

(Chair): Christopher S. Boynton
(Vice Chair): J. Barrett Lucy
(Secretary): Hanna L. Blake
(Treasurer): Scott W. Kowalski

Hon. Robert S. Ballou rotating off of the Board. Hon. Stanley P. Klein has agreed to accept the position. Daniel Rounds will also join the Board.

A motion was made to accept the recommendations of the Nomination Committee. Randy Wintory seconded the motion and, with all in favor, the recommendations of the Nomination Committee were accepted.

Chris Boynton presented a gift to Jennifer Mahar for her services as Chair in 2016-2017. Chris requested that committee chairs send an email to him with any requests.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting September 14, 2017.