

SCWLA Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017
(held by conference call)

Members present: Emily Boatwright, Stephanie Burton, Molly Cherry, Lisa Claxton, Amie Clifford, Karen Huelson, Kelly Jolley, Nancy Olah, Bhumi Patel, Sima Patel, Laura Paton, Mary Beth Pfister, Tara Shurling, Suzanne White, Amanda Williams, Elizabeth Zeck,

Members absent, excused: Sheila Bias, Sarah Leverette, Marguerite Willis

Members absent, unexcused: Ashley Cuttino, Ariail Kirk, Lynsey Kmetz, Kristen Nichols, Ayesha Washington

Also attending: Pee Dee Regional Representative Susan Firimonte

I. Call to Order

Molly Cherry called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

II. Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2017 meeting. The motion carried.

III. Military Subcommittee Action Item

Molly referred the board to the action item submitted by the Military Subcommittee for the last board meeting, which sought approval to send a comment letter to the S.C. Commission on CLE and Specialization in favor of its proposal to increase the number of distance learning hours that a Bar member can earn per reporting year from 6 to 8 hours. There was a motion made that SCWLA send the comment letter on behalf of the organization. The motion was seconded and approved.

IV. Public Service Committee Action Items

Molly asked Chair Laura Paton to raise each action item submitted by the Public Service committee separately for a vote. Laura moved to approve the first action item submitted by the committee for the last board meeting, which sought approval to include links on the SCWLA website to SC pending legislation of interest to members, organized by the following topics: Health Care, Education, Diversity, Violence Against Women, Economic Justice, the Judiciary and Constitutional Equality. Discussion was held about the advisability of adding a statement on the site directing members how to track

legislation that interests them and also a disclaimer that by posting the links SCWLA isn't necessarily taking a position on any of the legislation proposed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Laura moved to approve the second action item, to approve circulating a petition among the membership to support S.257 (Equal Pay bill) and submit it to the sponsoring legislators. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued regarding the advisability of circulating the petition or taking a position on legislation that was in early stages in the legislature. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn and replaced with a motion to request approval for the committee to articulate and draft a position statement noting SCWLA's support for economic justice for women and for equal pay for equal work, which would be submitted to the legislature. This motion was seconded and approved. Laura will prepare a position statement for board review. It was noted no action was planned on the pending bill at this time so a moderate delay would not be problematic.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm. The next Board meeting is May 12th at noon.