

SCWLA Board Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2017

Members present: Sheila Bias, Emily Boatwright (by phone), Stephanie Burton (by phone), Ashley Cuttino, Karen Huelson, Kelly Jolley (by phone), Kristen Nichols, Nancy Olah (by phone), Sima Patel, Laura Paton, Mary Beth Pfister, Amanda Williams (by phone), Elizabeth Zeck

Members absent, excused: Molly Cherry, Amie Clifford, Tara Shurling (arrived after meeting concluded), Ayesha Washington

Members absent, unexcused: Lisa Claxton, Ariail Kirk, Lynsey Kmetz, Sarah Leverette, Bhumi Patel, Suzanne White, Marguerite Willis

Also attending: Hannah Gallagher, Mary LaFave, Mikki Lindler

I. Call to Order

President-Elect Sheila Bias called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm, acting on behalf of Molly Cherry, who was absent. As a quorum was not initially present, issues requiring a vote were held until later in the meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Amie Clifford submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.

III. Committee Reports

Bissell Award Committee – Sheila reported the solicitation for nominations is out and the award has been ordered. The deadline for nominations is August 26.

Toal Award - Kelly Jolley reported the application period is open but no nominations have been received. Sheila reminded attendees that the award need not be given every year.

Regional Activity Committee - Kelly had nothing to add beyond the reports submitted by the regions.

Fall 2018 “25th Anniversary “Conference Planning – The co-chairs submitted a written report.

Membership - Mary LaFave submitted a written report, as did Kathy Smith for the Military Subcommittee.

Professional Development - Sheila reported they are choosing the emerging leader award winner now and planning an event featuring a professional business development coach speaker.

Media/Communications Committee - Sima Patel said she will be starting promotions for the upcoming conference and invited board members to send any ideas for marketing to her.

Community Outreach Committee – Allyce Bailey submitted a written report on the pack-a-purse drive held last month in all regions.

IV. Regional Reports

There were no substantive reports beyond those submitted in writing from Old English and Midlands. Hannah Gallagher asked for CLE ideas for upcoming breakfast meetings.

V. SCWLA Foundation

Liz Zeck reported that the Foundation received applications from very qualified applicants for the scholarships and that selections would be made soon and winners contacted well in advance of the September 28 awards ceremony. The applications were shared with the law schools through the WIL organizations at each in January, with a due date of just after spring break. Winners will be notified after school resumes in August. Nominations for the Dicus award also are being solicited.

VI. Action Items

Long Range Planning Committee – Mary Beth Pfister reported that the strategic planning session will be held August 26, 2017 from 10am to 4pm. Colleen Bozard has been hired to facilitate the session and is currently gathering and reviewing information to prepare, including the results of our most recent membership survey. The committee will send out a board survey prior to the planning session as well to solicit input on a number of questions and asks that all board members provide their input.

2017 Conference Planning Committee – There was no report from the committee, but Mary Beth reported that the awards reception will be September 28th at the Aloft Hotel in Greenville, within walking distance of the conference hotel and that the conference has been approved for 5.5 hours of CLE credit.

Public Service Committee - Laura Paton shared proposed correspondence to the legislature on issue of equal pay. A motion to approve sending the letter to the legislature was made and seconded. The motion carried.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Sheila invited attendees to suggest any needed modifications to the previous meeting's minutes. None were suggested. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2017 meeting. The motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm. The next Board meeting is September 8, 2017 at noon.