

Florida Bar, Administrative Law Section
Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:00AM
Via Zoom

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. EST, by Bruce Lamb, Esq. (Chair).

II. Preliminary Matters:

Special Guest: Candidate for Florida Bar Present, Gary Lesser, Esq. introduced himself and spoke about his candidacy, platform, qualifications, and how he would be the best choice for our next Florida Bar President. He also spoke about the COVID crisis and how it has affected bar members Statewide and how if elected, he would encourage more collaboration and a better relationship with the Bar itself and the various sections.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was approved unanimously.

Consideration of Minutes – The minutes from the June 2020 executive council meeting were both approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report – Honorable Suzanne Van Wyk presented the Treasurer’s Report and stated that the Section was on budget. The Section recently voted to contribute \$1,000.00 to the Florida Bar Foundation.

Ms. Banner stated that COVID has prohibited any in-person events, and as such, expenditures have been drastically reduced.

Chair’s Report – Mr. Lamb began the Chair’s Report by discussing the Section’s membership and his appreciation for everyone continuing working to increase membership in light of COVID and everything turning “virtual.”

There was an expressed a desire for additional CLEs, webinars, activities, social events (after COVID), and CLEs outside of Tallahassee. Mr. Lamb requested membership to look to ways to develop options for virtual opportunities in lieu of in-person events for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Lamb recognized the many contributors the multiple of platforms the section has, specifically in the Newsletter, Journal, website, and social media.

An update on the Certification Exam Review Course and exam itself were provided. There are a few options to house the review materials and resources and the Council is tasked with discussing and deciding how to do so. Options include permitting members and non-members alike to access the Section's resources and teaming up with the Government Law Section in sharing resources to all.

III. Liaison/Committee Reports:

TFB Board of Governors Liaison - BOG Liaison Larry Sellers, Esq. provided the following meeting reports for our consideration and review:

- July 17, 2020
- October 23, 2020

Continuing Legal Education: The CLE committee reported that the Pat Dore Conference was recently rescheduled to 2021 pending COVID issues. The conference will be held in Spring/Summer 2021. Ideally, this will be held in person, though it may be prudent to be held via Zoom or some other virtual platform. Brittany Adams Long is spearheading the Pat Dore Conference, along with the committee members.

Publications: Many suggestions were made by Council members to create and maintain multiple publications housing content from members. Currently, the section maintains its website, LinkedIn account, and Facebook. A special thank you to Paul Drake, Gregg Morton, and Maria McCorkle for their constant updates and maintenance of the various platforms. Gigi Rollini suggested a monthly "bulletin" style email where content is shared by Calbrail monthly throughout the State. An ad-hoc subcommittee will meet and discuss the planning and logistics of a bulletin option.

Law School Liaison: Tabitha Jackson reported that pending COVID, no in-person noshes have been held. She suggested a joint virtual "happy hour" or other event with the law schools throughout Florida. Brittany Dambly suggested a jeopardy type zoom event where law student, judges, and lawyers alike could all join and mingle.

A joint event with the Young Lawyers Section of the Tallahassee Bar Association may be fruitful.

Animal Law: Gregg Morton reported that he would be interested in having another joint event when in-person events start again.

DOAH Update: DOAH is in the midst of a leadership change as Judge MacIver stepped down in June 2020.

Candidates for Chief Judge include Peter Antonacci, ALJ Van Laningham, ALJ Li Creasy, ALF Culpepper, Colin Mark Roopnarine, Patrick Wheeler, Tom Thomas, James D. Molenaar Paul Penoso and Elizabeth Renee Dilts.

Budget Committee: Ms. Banner and Judge Van Wyk reiterated their previous report.

Nominating Committee: Chair Lamb reported that Executive Council members with expiring terms offered to accept new terms. James Ross and Matt Bryant were both nominated to be on the executive council.

Ad Hoc Young Lawyers Committee: Tabitha Jackson reported that in-person events are “in the works” and will hopefully resume in April or May, 2021, pending COVID.

Ad Hoc Website Review Committee: Paul Drake serves as the chair of this committee. He has developed and maintained the Section’s site for many years. Mr. Drake stated he regularly updates the site and encouraged members to submit content for publication. Mr. Lamb stated his appreciation for Mr. Drake’s continued service to the Section.

IV. Old Business: None.

V. New Business: None.

VI. Informational: None.

VII. Time and Place of Next Meeting: TBD, via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment: 12:55 PM EST