

State Bar of Montana
Board of Trustees Meeting
UM Law School (Room 215-2nd Floor) ~ Missoula, MT
April 16, 2010

Agenda

Thur., April 15th

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting* (separate agenda)

Shane Vannatta's Office – Worden Thane P.C., 111 N. Higgins Ave., Suite 600

*The meeting is open to all but newer trustees are especially encouraged to attend.; rsvp NLT 4/12

5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Reception (The Depot – 201 W. Railroad, top floor)

For all Trustees and guests

Fri., April 16th

- 9:30 a.m. **I. Call to Order** Shane Vannatta
- A. Approval of minutes from the December 4, 2009 meeting (*posted on the web page*)
- B. Executive Committee minutes from the December 3rd, January 8th, February 12th and March 19th meetings were posted on the web page
- 9:40 a.m. **II. Reports of the Officers** Cindy Smith
- A. Report of the President Chris Tweeten
- B. Report of the Past President Joe Sullivan
- C. Report of the President-Elect K. Paul Stahl
- D. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer -State Bar Audit Report
- E. Report of the Chair Shane Vannatta
- 10:15 a.m. **III. Law School Reports**
- A. Dean's Report
- B. Student Programs
- 11:15 a.m. **IV. Reports Requiring Board Action** Shane Vannatta
- A. Proposed SBM By-law revisions Committee Shane Vannatta
- B. Denise Sarnoff Waiver of Dues Late Fees Vannatta & Stahl
- C. Annual Meeting Changes – Committee? Smith & Vannatta
- D. SBM Trustee Law School Scholarship
- 11:35 a.m. **V. ABA Report and Montana Justice Foundation** Damon Gannett
- 11:45 a.m. **VI. Lawyers Assistance Program** Mike Larson
- Noon **VII. Working Lunch**
- 12:15 p.m. **VIII. Reports of the State Bar Staff** Chris Manos
- A. Executive Director's Report Betsy Brandborg
- B. Bar Counsel's Report Janice Doggett
- C. Equal Justice Coordinator Report
- 12:40 p.m. **IX. Committee/Section Reports (Informational)** (see page 2)
- A. Accept & discuss Local Bar, Committee & Section Reports Schulte & Grinde
- B. New Lawyer's Section/ Young Lawyer Div. Rep. Barbara Bessey
- C. Paralegal Section
- 1:15 p.m. **X. New Business & Next Meeting Date**
- A. 2010 Board Strategic Planning & Regular Meeting – May 21-22 (Gallatin Gateway Inn)
- B. Meeting Review and Evaluation
- 1:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Local Bar Reports

- A. Area C *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- B. Area F
- C. Area G

Ann Shea
Pam Bucy/Tom Keegan/Bruce Spencer
Jane Mersen/Lynda White

Trustee Liaison Reports - Committees

- A. Access to Justice Committee *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- B. Annual Meeting Committee
- C. CLE Institute
- D. Elderly Assistance Committee
- E. Ethics Committee
- F. Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Board
- G. Past Presidents Committee/Resolutions Committee *(carry-over from December meeting)*

Pam Bucy
Cindy Smith/Joe Sullivan
Randy Snyder
Jason Holden
Tammy Wyatt-Shaw
Tom Keegan

Chris Tweeten

Trustee Liaison Reports – Sections

- A. Construction Law Section *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- B. Family Law Section *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- C. Health Care Law Section
- D. Indian Law Section
- E. Natural Resources, Energy & Environ. Law Section *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- F. Public Law Section
- G. School Law Section
- H. Women's Law Section *(carry-over from December meeting)*

Jane Mersen
Lynda White
Bruce Spencer
Ryan Rusche
Tom Keegan
Tom Keegan
Jason Holden
Paul Stahl

Trustee Liaison Reports – Organizations

- A. Montana Legal Services Association
- B. Out of State Members *(carry-over from December meeting)*
- C. Student Bar Association

Bruce Spencer
Chris Tweeten
Shane Vannatta

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Meeting Review and Evaluation

- A. I had sufficient information upon which to base decisions.
- B. I reviewed the material forwarded by staff prior to the meeting.
- C. The meeting was organized.
- D. The meeting addressed pressing issues facing the Bar.
- E. Things I would like to see more of at our meetings.
- F. Things I would like to see less of at our meetings.

Please list the three points on which you believe the board should focus its attention at the next meeting or in the next year. Be as specific as possible in identifying these points.

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