

State Bar of Montana
Board of Trustees Meeting
Gallatin Gateway Inn (HDR-Historic Dining Room) ~ Gallatin Gateway, MT
May 21-22, 2010

Friday, May 21st

8:00 a.m. Executive Committee breakfast meeting (separate agenda)
Upstairs Conference Room (Gallatin Gateway Inn)

Friday, May 21st

Board of Trustees Meeting

7:30 – 9:30

Continental Breakfast (Colonnade)

10:00 a.m.

I.

Call to Order

Shane Vannatta

- A. Approval of minutes from the April meeting were posted on web page
Executive Committee minutes from the April and May meetings were posted on the web page
- B. Additions to Agenda

10:10 a.m.

II.

Reports of the Officers

- A. Report of the President
Cindy Smith
- B. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
K. Paul Stahl
- C. Report of the Past President
Chris Tweeten
- D. Report of the President-Elect
Joe Sullivan
- E. Report of the Chair
Shane Vannatta

10:40 a.m.

III.

Reports of the State Bar Staff & LAP

- A. Executive Director's Report
Chris Manos
- B. Bar Counsel's Report
Betsy Brandborg
- C. Equal Justice Coordinator Report
Janice Doggett
- D. Lawyers Assistance Program
Mike Larson

11:10 a.m.

IV.

Issues Board Action

- A. George L. Bousliman Professionalism Award (informational)
Chris Manos
- B. Review of 2009-2010 Strategic Plan (to be discussed in afternoon)
Shane Vannatta
- C. Social Networking Policy
Executive Committee

11:40 a.m.

V.

Office of Discipline Counsel (*posted on web*)

Shaun Thompson

11:45 a.m.

VI.

Committee/Section Reports (Informational)

- A. New Lawyer's Section
Dwight Schulte
- B. Paralegal Section
Barbara Bessey
- C. Accept & discuss Local Bar, Committee & Section Reports
(see page 2)

12:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

- A. Next Board of Trustee Meeting – September 15, 2010

12:15 p.m.

Adjourn

12:15 – 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Strategic Planning Meeting Begins (separate agenda)

"A Trustee is held to something stricter than the morals of the marketplace. Not honesty alone, but the punctilio of an honor most sensitive is then the standards of behavior." Benjamin Cardozo

Committee/Section Reports (Informational)*

Local Bar Reports

- A. Area E
- B. Area G (*carry-over from April meeting*)
- C. Area H

Ryan Rusche
Jane Mersen/Lynda White
Pam Bailey, Vicki Dunaway & Mark Parker

Trustee Liaison Reports - Committees

- A. Elderly Assistance Committee (*carry-over from April meeting*)
- B. Dispute Resolution Committee
- C. Lawyers Helping Lawyers Network
- D. Technology Committee

Jason Holden
Mark Parker
Ann Shea
Ryan Rusche

Trustee Liaison Reports – Sections

- A. Construction Law Section (*carry-over from December & April meetings*)
- B. Family Law Section (*carry-over from December & April meetings*)
- C. School Law Section (*carry-over from April meeting*)
- D. Bankruptcy Law Section
- E. Business, Estates, Trusts, Tax & Real Property Section
- F. Federal Practice Section

Jane Mersen
Lynda White
Jason Holden
Darcy Crum
Vicki Dunaway
Pam Bailey

Trustee Liaison Reports – Organizations

- A. Montana Defense Trial Lawyers Association
- B. Montana Justice Foundation
- C. Montana Trial Lawyers Association
- D. Out of State Lawyers

Mark Parker
Ann Shea
Olivia Norlin
Chris Tweeten

***Please submit your reports in writing, whether by completing the liaison report form located in your Trustee binders, preparing your own form of report, or simply dropping an email report to Jill Diveley (jdiveley@montanabar.org). We can save substantial time by reviewing the reports in advance of the meeting and discussing issues that the reports raise, if any.**

Gallatin Gateway check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Board of Trustees Strategic Planning Meeting Agenda – May 21, 2010
Gallatin Gateway Inn – HDR (Historic Dining Room)

Friday – May 21st

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
Working Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting
Board discussion – Strategic plan and work plan updates
The following topics will be covered in either a panel, group discussion or a presentation format:
- ∇ Development of Leadership
 - ∇ The Roles & Responsibilities of Trustees
 - ∇ Legislative Preparedness
 - ∇ What is the purpose of the Bar?
 - ∇ New Lawyers Breakout Session
 - ∇ State Bar Budget Primer
 - ∇ Professional Development/Professional Assistance (not just LAP)
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 5:30 p.m. Departure to dinner*
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner (Jane Mersen's ranch)

Saturday – May 22nd

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Colonnade)
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Long Range Planning Meeting Wrap-Up/Discussion
Board discussion – Strategic plan and work plan updates continued
(same format as Friday)
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn

Lunch is on your own

*Transportation by designated drivers