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OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Start Time: 5:45pm

End Time: 6:43pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting via Zoom

Present Via Zoom:

Peggy Elias	Heidi Konsten	Dan Waite	Joel Bekker
Debbie Uehara	Cameo Kayser	Robert Stanley	Diane Lusich
Francis Arenas	John Nagle	Noel Gillette	Judith Schonlau
Teresa Stephanoff	Ellen Goldstein	Denise Hinxman	Connie Petrazio
Margie Carlson	Kathy DiLorenzo	Sharon Cahn	Robert Balian
Kit MacDonald	Pam Manning	Samantha McNett	Brenda Roberts
Alexander Nagle	Sandra Schoettlin	Josie Roper	Sarah Goekler
Gloria Perry	Omar Nagly	William LaBorde	Carly Savar
Gina Shrader	Dana Young	Lori Unruh	Matthew Spievak
Kele Smith	Deidre Rand	Jean Kim	April Chandler
Rhonda Aquilina	Chris Rose	Corrie Wolden	Joanne Williams
Christie Main-Cabrajac			

ITEM #1: Meeting Called to Order:

Without motion, Peggy Elias called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Board Members:

Peggy Elias Present

Heidi Konsten Present

Dan Waite Present

ITEM #2: Public Comments: No public comments.

ITEM #3: Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the agenda in its entirety. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #4: Appoint Annual Chair and Vice Chair:

MOTION BY Peggy Elias: That the Board will appoint Dan Waite as the annual Chairman of the Board. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board appoint Heidi Konsten as the annual Vice Chairperson of the Board. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #5: Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves the October 27, 2021 open meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves the November 3, 2021 Workshop meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the November 10, 2021 Legal Videographers Certification Committee meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Peggy Elias, Dan Waite was not present at this meeting and abstained, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves the December 9, 2021 Open Meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the January 14, 2022 Closed Meeting minutes in its entirety. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #6: Order for Probation – Gina Shrader, CCR #647: Gina Shrader, CCR #647 appeared before the Board for her final review. Per the terms of Ms. Shrader’s Order for Probation, related to Case No. 2019-C004, her certificate was placed on a 1-year probation beginning January 12, 2021 through January 12, 2022. Board member Lori Judd served as Ms. Shrader’s supervisor until her term expired on October 31, 2021. Board member Heidi Konsten served as supervisor for the remaining probation period. Ms. Konsten reported Ms. Shrader fulfilled the terms of her probation, a timeline is attached and will be kept on file. No further action is required from Ms. Shrader. No further comments.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That Gina Shrader, CCR #647 fulfilled the terms of her Order for Probation on January 12, 2022, related to Case No. 2019-C004. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #7: Certification Exam Application Review – Sarah L. Goekler: Peggy Elias asked Sarah L. Goekler if she would like to conduct the discussion in closed session. Ms. Goekler chose to proceed in open session. No further comments.

ITEM #8: **Certification Exam Application Review – Sarah L. Goekler:** Sarah L. Goekler appeared before the Board to conduct a review of her certification exam application. Ms. Goekler provided documented information from her 2013 arrest for driving under the influence with her application. She pled no contest and completed the required court obligations; her case was subsequently expunged in 2018. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves Sarah L. Goekler’s application to take the certification exam. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That Sarah L. Goekler may bypass her appearance before the Board when registering and renewing her certificate. Ms. Goekler can make reference to the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes in the discipline questionnaire section of the application. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #9: **Ratify the January 14, 2022 Exam Results:** Debbie Uehara reported 2 applicants registered and appeared for the firm exam. 2 applicants registered and appeared for the certification exam. After the January 14, 2022 closed session concluded, it was confirmed that all applicants from both exams received a passing grade. No further comment.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board ratifies the test results from January 14, 2022 certification exam for a court reporter and the exam for a designated representative of a court reporting firm. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #10: **Bill Draft Request to Regulate Videographers:** Peggy Elias presented a bill draft request for the 82nd Legislative Session regulating videographers; a copy of the language is attached and will be kept on file. Per LCB, Ms. Elias expressed the need for a sponsor and since legislators are limited on the number of bills they can sponsor, the Board would need to take quick action. Dan Waite will ask Senator Hammond if he will sponsor our bills. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board approves bill draft request for the 82nd Legislative Session to regulate videographers. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #11: **NCRA’s Letter to the Bar Association Leaders and Counselors:** Heidi Konsten presented a letter prepared by Debra Dibble, President of NCRA. A copy of the letter is attached and will be kept on file. The letter is addressed to national leaders of the Bar Association and Counselors, informing them of unauthorized practices of digital recorders during depositions. A discussion ensued and it was determined further action is required. Ms. Konsten will conduct research and present her findings at the next scheduled open meeting. No further comments.

MOTION by Dan Waite: That the Board move this agenda item to the next scheduled open meeting. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, motion moves forward.

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ITEM #12: Executive Secretary’s Employment Contract: Peggy Elias presented the Executive Secretary’s employment contract that will expire on February 15, 2022. During the review, Debbie Uehara requested an amended work schedule; a 4-day work week at 35 hours per week. Dan Waite recommended a 7% hourly increase, providing Ms. Uehara \$30.00 per hour. A copy of the contract is attached and will be kept on file. No further comments.

MOTION by Heidi Konsten: That the Board approves the Executive Secretary’s 2-year employment contract for the period of February 15, 2022 – February 15, 2024. Effective February 15, 2022, Ms. Uehara’s hours will be Monday through Thursday at \$30.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Dan Waite, all in favor, motion moves forward.

ITEM #13: Executive Secretary’s Report: Debbie Uehara presented the financial report and disciplinary action report. Both reports are attached and will be kept on file. Ms. Uehara reminded the Board, former Executive Secretary, Dawn Jackson’s judgement will expire on July 27, 2023. No further comments.

ITEM #14: Public Comments: Robert Stanley posed queries to the Board regarding attorneys who record depositions without a videographer. Mr. Stanley went on to say an attorney complained court reporters did not know how to record, at which Mr. Stanley set the record straight and informed the attorney to hire a videographer. Peggy Elias interjected that questions could not be posed during public comment but appreciates Mr. Stanley for bringing this matter to everyone’s attention. Joel Bekker, D.A.G. instructed those speaking during public comment should announce their name before speaking. Sharon Cahn expressed her desire to discuss agenda item #11 with Peggy Elias and Joel Dekker and shared her concerns on the integrity of the transcripts provided by the court rooms who utilize audio recordings. No further comments.

ITEM #15: Next Open Meeting Date and Agenda Items: The Board will appoint a new chair and vice chair for the Legislative Regulations Committee. The next open meeting date and additional agenda items will be determined at a later date. No further comments.

ITEM #16: Final Roll Call: Confirmation of attendance sheet is attached and will be kept on file and posted on the Board’s website.

Adjournment:

Motion by Dan Waite to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Heidi Konsten, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.