



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona
4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.
via Zoom on-line meeting

MINUTES

Approved Oct. 13, 2021

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; Z = Present via Zoom; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

Wendi Sorensen - Z

M. Maureen Anders - A

James Anderson - Z

James Cross – A

Robert Denison – A

Michael Goldberg – Z

Georgette Hasiotis - A

Kimberly Heldt - A

Abe Lai - A

Phoebe Moffatt – Z

Blake Moscatello - Z

Jeffrey Neff - Z

Elizabeth Ortiz - Z

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Connie Hay

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen

4:04 p.m.

2. Call to the Public – None present.

3. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the July 14, 2021 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jeff Neff

Second by: Blake Moscatello

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

The minutes of the July 14, 2021 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Mike Goldberg

Second by: Phoebe Moffatt

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

4. **Review of National Entity Certification Program.** State Bar accreditation of National Entities who are already accredited through the American Bar Association was discussed. It may be duplicitous and unnecessary to require ABA certified agencies to also be accredited by the State Bar. It was decided to table further discussion until more BLS members are present to weigh in.
5. **Criminal Law Standards Review.** Last spring Elizabeth Ortiz and Michael Goldberg met with the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Chair to discuss updating the Criminal Law Standards. Since then, the BLS administrator has received more inquiries from criminal law attorney's who cannot meet the current Standards.

Inquiries regarding other specialty Standards have also been received. Wendi Sorensen suggests that the BLS may want to ask each advisory commission to meet regarding possible updates to their Standards, on a rolling basis, starting with Criminal Law. No action is taken at this time.

6. **Executive Session.**

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Michael Goldberg
Second by: Jeff Neff
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Convene into Executive Session
4:43 p.m.

Reconvene into General Session
4:44 p.m.

7. **Certification Approvals.**

Motion to approve the Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission recommendation to approve the initial certification of J. Matthew Powell.

By: Michael Goldberg
Second by: Jim Anderson
Recusals: None
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

7. **Administrator Updates.** A synopsis of the year in review was provided. Looking forward, the Ethics rule change could have an effect. A 2022 marketing budget has been requested for public-facing digital marketing. Co-op advertising with current Specialists is a possible avenue to improve pubic awareness of the program.

8. **Date of next meeting:**
October 13, 2021 – 4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned:
5:00 p.m.