

January 2017 Meeting Minutes  
Greenville, South Carolina  
1.21.2017

The Board of Directors met in Greenville, South Carolina on January 21, 2017. In attendance were Julie Moose; Elizabeth MacFarland (Holland); Sheila Bias; Emily Boatright; Bhumi Patel; Mary Beth Pfisther; Laura Patton; Molly Cherry; Marguerite Willis; Nancy Olaf; Amie Clifford; Aerial Kirk; Lyndsey Kmetz; Jennifer Howe; Ashley Cuttino; Hannah Metcalf; Kelly Jolley

I. Call to Order

**The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m.**

II. Meeting Minutes

**Marguerite Willis moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Julie Moose seconded the motion. The Motion carried.**

III. President's Report

**President Jolly recounted her mission of making sure that SCWLA is staying true to its mission. President Jolley recounted her goals and the update on their progress.**

1. By Laws passed at last meeting

**The new By-Laws were passed last meeting. Some highlights include term limits for Board members, and the creation of Regional committees and Boards.**

2. Professional Development CLE

**The CLE/event was a success.**

3. Resilience Project

**The Resilience Project and SCWLA's accomplishments were submitted for an award to the National Conference of Women Bar Associations.**

4. Emerging Leader Award

**The first ever Emerging Leader Award was given.**

5. Membership

**Membership has increased.**

**President Jolley says that she will continue on as committee chair for the regions and recognized that the goal of having a newsletter must still be reached.**

IV. Election of the New Officers

**Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nomination Committee, Marguerite Willis presented the slate of new officers for the organization. The slate is: Molly Cherry – President; Sheila Bias – President-Elect; Amie Clifford – Treasurer; Mary Beth Pfister – Secretary. The Board votes to approve the slate of officers.**

V. New President Reports

**New President Molly Cherry presents remarks. She recognizes the Board Members who are rotating off of the Board. She specially recognizes outgoing President Jolley. New Immediate Past President Jolley is presented with a token of appreciation.**

VI. Treasurer’s Report

**The treasurer’s report has been presented. The 2017 budget will be presented at the Long Range Planning meeting for a vote.**

VIII. SCWLA Foundation

**No report**

IX: Committees

A. Bylaws Committee

**No Report**

B. Community Outreach Committee

**No Report**

C. Fall 2017 Awards Conference Planning/Education Committee

**Jennifer Howe and Lyndsey Kmetz presented an update on the Fall 2017 Awards Ceremony. The theme will be , “Effectuating Change.” There will be a focus on emphasis in pro bono and social justice work. Some potential speakers are Paul Bland, Matt Christian, Kate McInnes, Kathy Templeton, Beth Hamilton, Fred Suggs, Judge Bradley, and Judge Kondurus. If anyone has additional ideas for speakers, please let the committee know. A discussion is had on potential speakers. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, South Carolina. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please let Jennifer or Lyndsey know. The Committee will also begin soliciting sponsorships.**

D. Long Range Planning Committee

**Mary Beth Pfister gave an oral report. She reports that most of the work was done in 2015. She anticipates that 2017 will be focused on fleshing out plans. If you are interested in serving on the Long Term Planning Committee, please contact Mary Beth.**

E. Media/Communications

**No Report**

F. Membership Committee

**No Report**

G. Military Sub-Committee

**No Report**

H. Nominating Committee

**The slate was approved.**

I. Professional Development Committee

**The new chair of the committee will be Keri Rupert.**

J. Regional Activity Committee Chair

**Currently, all regional representative positions are filled. The focus will be continued activity in the regions; helping each region set up a chapter; and continue the currently calls.**

K. Supreme Court Trip

**The next trip will be in 2018. We don't have a date yet, but we will encourage people to sign up early.**

X. New Business

**President Cherry reports that this year will be a year of engagement. She unveils the theme, that S.C. Women Lawyers' Rock. She also wants a stronger social media presence, such as Instagram and/or SnapChat. She updates the Board on the ad-hoc committee that was formed to study ABA Rule 8.4. An update on the South Carolina's Bar House of Delegate's decision on the rule was discussed.**

XI. Member News

**None**

XII. Next Board Meeting

**The next meeting will be in March, date TBA. There will be a planning session in January.**

XIII. Adjourned – 1:04 p.m.

**The meeting adjourned in 1:04 p.m.**