MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Members Absent: Johnson, Peterson, and Smith.

Staff Present: Armstrong and Seavey.

The President called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.


Item 2. Discussed Medical-Legal Committee.

The current Medical-Legal Committee is responsible for assisting in the development and maintenance of the Medical-Legal Code of Cooperation. The Committee has not been active in recent years, and the Code has not been updated since 2010. There was discussion about the recent discovery rules that are not addressed in the current version of the Code, and about how to update this document to include family matters, civil litigation, and injury-related cases. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made, duly seconded, and voted in the affirmative to sunset the current Medical-Legal Committee and to create a task force of Board members to work on the construction and mission of a newly structured committee to specifically address the Code of Cooperation. The
following Governors were appointed to the task force: Governors Babcock, Faunce, Smith and Willey.

**Item 3. Discussed the John W. Ballou Distinguished Service Award.**

To-date, the only nominations received for the 2020 Ballou Award are for Jaqueline Rogers, the ED of the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar. Jackie received three nominations. ED Armstrong noted that Jackie worked for the MSBA in various positions for 20 years prior to taking the ED position at the Overseers, where she has served over 16 years. Additionally, she noted that Jackie is on medical leave from the Overseers. Although the deadline for nominations was April 17, the Board decided to move forward with the nominations now in hand. **A motion was made, duly seconded, and voted in the affirmative to approve Jacqueline Rogers as the 2020 recipient of the John W. Ballou Award.** ED Armstrong will inform Jackie and Bar Counsel Aria Eee as soon as possible.

**Item 4. Discussed Bar Talk opportunities for Governors.**

President Day asked Governors to let him know if they wanted to serve as a guest speaker on Bar Talk and also encouraged Governors to forward topic suggestions to ED Armstrong by email.

Adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela P. Armstrong
Executive Director