

**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Thursday, August 11, 2011  
Teleconference**

Members Present on Teleconference:

Kenneth L. Shigley, President; Robin Frazer Clark, President-elect; Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Secretary; Charles L. Ruffin, Treasurer; S. Lester Tate, III, Immediate Past President; Stephanie J. Kirijan, YLD President; Jonathan B. Pannell, YLD President-elect; Michael G. Geoffroy, YLD Immediate Past President; Phyllis J. Holmen; Robert J. Kauffman; David S. Lipscomb; Brian D. Rogers; Rita A. Sheffey; and N. Harvey Weitz.

Staff Participating:

Cliff Brashier, Executive Director; Sharon L. Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Paula Frederick, General Counsel; and Bob McCormack, Deputy General Counsel.

Consent Agenda

President Shigley presented the Consent Agenda. After a request that two items be removed from it, and there being no objections to any of the other items remaining on it, a motion was made and seconded to approve all of the following items:

- 1) Previous Executive Committee Minutes  
The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held July 22-23, 2011.
- 2) Future Meetings Schedule (Current Version)
- 3) Members' Requests:
  - a. A Military Dues Waiver from Walter Ruiz
  - b. Resignation Requests under State Bar Rule 1-208:

James R. Forrest, 140947  
Carole J. Freeburg, 390970  
Michael C. Garvey, 287050  
Michael D. Grider, 310473

Mary Lou Nolan, 545475  
Kesler T. Roberts, 608715  
Stuart A. Sheldon, 639950

- 4) State Bar Website Redesign  
President Shigley provided an update on the website redesign. He indicated that the Executive Committee did not really need to approve the Bar retaining the services of Fig Leaf Software to redesign the site, but he wanted it to know what was going on. The contract price is \$160,100 and is to be paid out of the Cornerstones of Freedom funds.

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved items 1-3 of the above remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

The following matters were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussions:

#### Fitness Waiver – James F. McDonough, III

The Executive Committee, by majority voice vote, with Harvey Weitz and YLD President Stephanie Kirijan abstaining, approved the fitness waiver request, but did not waive any late fees. This approval was conditioned on the fact that Mr. McDonough be told in writing that pursuant to Bar Rule 1-207, all members are required to inform the membership department of their current address, regardless of their circumstances.

#### Fitness Waiver/Extension Appeal – Emory Brett Thompson

The Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved extending the deadline for Mr. Thompson's waiver of the fitness requirement for six months from the September 1 deadline, so as to allow the Fitness Board time to complete its review and recommendation.

#### Resolution on Electronic Court Filing

Following a report from President Shigley, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved recommending to the Board of Governors a proposed Resolution on Electronic Court Filing (Exhibit A). The resolution encourages all stakeholders to begin coordinating efforts to design, build and administer a uniform statewide electronic court filing and records retrieval system comparable in function and administration to the federal system.

#### Advertising Policy

Following a report from President Shigley, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, approved a proposed amendment to the Bar's Advertising and Mailing Labels Policy as follows:

##### Bar's Advertising and Mailing Labels Policy

The State Bar of Georgia reserves the absolute right to reject at any time, with or without cause: (a) any advertisement, for any of its publications or communications whether electronic or print; and (b) any request to purchase or obtain mailing labels. The decision of the president, upon consultation with and agreement by any two from among the president-elect, immediate past president, executive director, general counselor or editor-in-chief of the *Georgia Bar Journal*, shall be final regarding the acceptance or rejection of any advertisement and any sale or offer of mailing labels. The State Bar of Georgia, its staff, employees, officers and volunteers shall not be liable for damages of any kind for the decision to reject any advertisement or for the refusal to sell mailing labels to any person or entity.

#### Staff for School Reading Program

President Shigley reported that this item has been deferred for another time at the request of the presenter.

#### SPLOST Support of Atlanta to Griffin Passenger Rail

Following a report from President Shigley, the Executive Committee, by unanimous voice vote, with Secretary Perkins-Hooker abstaining, declined a request from Board of Governors members Charles Jones that the State Bar support a letter to the Atlanta Regional Roundtable encouraging it to retain the Atlanta to Griffin commuter passenger rail transit project on its list of SPLOST transit projects.

#### President's Report

President Shigley reviewed the agenda for the August 18, 2011 Board of Governors meeting.

#### YLD Report

YLD President Kirijan provided an update on the activities of the YLD that included thanking President Shigley, Secretary Perkins-Hooker, and President-elect Robin Clark for speaking at various YLD events. She reported on the YLD Summer meeting's community service project that will be a literacy drive on

behalf of the Coastal Outreach Soccer Program, the placement of the PIIP summer interns, and on the fundraising efforts for the YLD Presidents Boardroom. She also issued an invitation for all to attend the YLD Family Law Committee's Supreme Cork event on October 13 at Five Seasons Brewery Westside that will benefit GLSP. She announced that Attorney General Sam Olens will talk about a statewide food drive at the Summer Board of Governors meeting that will be spearheaded by the YLD Community Service Projects Committee and by the YLD Representatives. She also indicated that Sharon Hill and Representative Wendell Willard will be present at the Board meeting for the juvenile code report.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

President Shigley reported that Representative Wendell Willard has requested that the Board of Governors not take action on the proposed juvenile code until the Midyear Meeting so as to allow him time to work on resolving some of the resource issues that will be created under the new code.

Executive Session

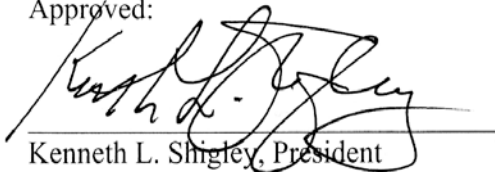
The Executive Committee met in Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned.

  
Patrice M. Perkins-Hooker, Secretary

Approved:

  
Kenneth L. Shigley, President