

Association of Corporate Counsel  
Louisiana Chapter

Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 26, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel met telephonically on March 26, 2021.

Present: Kimberly Theriot-Smith, President; Joni A. Johnson, Vice President; Daniel LaGrone, Secretary; Edmund Giering; Randy McCann; Jeff Peters; John Fenner; Sophia Ryan; Molly Vigour, Past President

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Theriot-Smith called the meeting to order.

**II. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of February 5, 2021**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meetings held February 5, 2021. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

**III. Financial Reports**

Ms. Wittman was unavailable, so consideration of the financial reports was deferred to the next meeting.

**IV. Program and Sponsorship Committee**

The Board discussed the Chapter's 2020 sponsors and the tentative event calendar. Ms. Johnson reported that, in addition to the sponsors identified in the previous board meeting, the Chapter received confirmation of a sponsorship from Phelps Dunbar (discussed at the February Board meeting), as well as a commitment from Gordon Arata. Additionally, Galloway Johnson is considering a sponsorship.

Phelps is slated to host a webinar on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Other sponsors with firm dates include Fisher Phillips, which will host an in-person event on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Ruth's Chris, as well as Jackson Lewis which has expressed a preference for a webinar in May. Ms. Johnson is contacting sponsors to consider a July or August event date, in order to alleviate some congestion for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the tentative calendar.

The Board discussed a timeframe for encouraging in-person presentations by sponsors. The consensus of the Board was that conditions should be favorable for in-person presentations in June, especially when considering that courts are increasingly scheduling jury trials. However,

Board members continue to see the value in webinars, and simulcasting of live events will be encouraged.

Mr. LaGrone left the meeting.

**V. Membership Committee**

Mr. LaGrone was unavailable to provide a report. Ms. Theriot reported on responses received for the survey sent to the Chapter membership in February. Chapter members expressed a clear preference to have in-person meetings when the meetings can be held safely.

Ms. Theriot also reported regarding memberships that had not been renewed. The Committee should consider an outreach effort for those former members.

**VI. Public Relations Committee.**

Mr. LaGrone was unavailable to provide a report.

**VII. Scholarship Committee**

Mr. Giering reported that he will reach out to the law schools about the Chapter's continuing commitment to provide scholarships.

**VIII. Old/Unfinished Business**

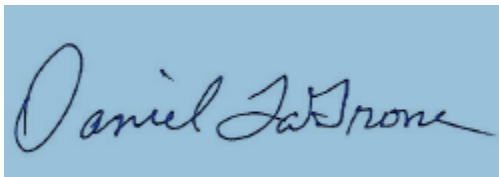
There was no unfinished business.

**IX New Business**

Ms. Theriot requested Board members to consider serving in officer positions for 2022 and to undertake outreach to secure additional membership.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a time and place after further consultation with Board members.

**X There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

A blue rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel LaGrone".

---

Daniel LaGrone, Secretary