

Minutes
January 11, 2019

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Chair John Bender at 10:00 am on Friday, January 11, 2019. Board members in attendance were:

John Bender, Chair
Asia Wright, Vice Chair
Todd Alberstone
Ayanna Colman
Andrew Lee Benjamin, via phone
Melissa Skelton, via phone
Rebecca Stewart-LeVon, via phone

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Robert Henry	Associate Director, Regulatory Services/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Nina Cohen	MCLE Analyst

Review of Minutes for October 5, 2018

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from their October 5, 2018 meeting.

MCLE Hardship Petitions

The Board approved Staff Liaison decisions on nine petitions. The Board reviewed and decided by motion on one hardship petition. No listing of this motion is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Course Accreditation Reviews

Activities 1073462 and 1073463: The Board reviewed and considered accreditation for law school course activities 1073462 and 1073463, both of which were denied for MCLE credit by staff because the activities were self-study courses. The Board voted and affirmed staff's denial of credits due to APR 11 not including self-study activities as a proper format approvable for MCLE credit.

Activity 1082530: The Board reviewed and considered accreditation for pro bono service credit activity 1082530, which was denied for credit by staff as the service was not provided through a qualified legal service provider, as required for MCLE credit based on APR 11(e)(7). The Board voted and affirmed staff's denial of credit.

Activity 1084849: The Board reviewed and considered accreditation for live course activity 1084849, which was denied ethics credit because it did not fit the definition of ethics as defined in APR 11(f)(2). The Board voted and affirmed staff's accreditation decision to approve for law and legal procedure credit, and not ethics.

Course Audit Goals

The Board was reminded of the importance of regular course audits, especially for accredited sponsor courses. A list of accredited sponsors was provided to Board members, and the Board chair proposed to have a discussion at the next Board meeting on whether to adopt a formal audit expectations policy for MCLE Board members.

Diversity Committee Rule Change Proposal Sub-Committee Report

The MCLE Board sub-committee shared their report and recommendation for an ethics rule change with the full MCLE Board and stakeholder guests Nam Nguyen, Laura Wulf, and Karrin Klotz. The subcommittee recommended that three of the ethics credits be in specific areas: inclusion and anti-bias, mental health and addiction, and technology security. The Board voted to share the report and recommendation with specific stakeholder groups to solicit constructive feedback, and then finalize a recommendation based on the feedback received.

License Renewal/MCLE Compliance Reminders

The Board was provided an update on WSBA license renewal/MCLE Compliance reminders to membership for the 2019 license renewal period.

Annual Diversity Training

Robin Nussbaum, WSBA Inclusion & Equity Specialist, presented to the Board their annual one-hour Diversity Training CLE.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Henry
Associate Director, Regulatory Services
MCLE Board Staff Liaison