

**Minutes**  
**Southwest Colorado Bar Association Meeting**  
**Zoom**  
**June 14, 2021 12:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order at 12:03 PM
  
- II. Old Business.
  - A. Review and approve Minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting. Unanimously approved.
  
- III. New Business:
  - A. 2021-2022 Budget discussion:
    - a. Update from Lindsay Marshall on Colorado Legal Services: They are doing a Volunteer Attorney Program as in past years, and it has gone well, the Legal Clinics were over Zoom and less attended but were beneficial. They referred 8 people to 1-on-1 help from a lawyer as well. They created a durangovap.org website for the Volunteer Attorney Program! Budgeting of \$5,700 is sufficient and no changes requested.
    - b. Update from Lynne Sholler re: Access to Justice: ATJ was able to do a LOT this year! A website was created ([www.swcobar.org/access-to-justice](http://www.swcobar.org/access-to-justice)) that contains a wealth of resources for the community. The website also has presentations that were made by volunteer attorneys on several topics. They held a legal resource fair, by Zoom, and had a huge showing of support from volunteer attorneys. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer with ATJ or one of their events! If anyone wants to help out with Access to Justice, contact Lynn Sholler. ATJ may purchase a computer/printer for helping at the courthouse, and may use funds to help with “Court Navigators” at the courthouse. Some other ideas of ATJ have been a “hotline” type service or “ask a lawyer” area on the website. Budgeting is \$2,250 which is sufficient and no changes requested.
    - c. Kim brought up that there were unforeseen increases throughout the year that could happen next year, such as an increase in the P.O. Box cost, and suggested a \$500 line item for the officers to have discretion in spending if needed for expenses that are over the budgeted amount, in addition to officer meetings/lunches which are a couple of times throughout the year. This item was approved unanimously.
    - d. Amended budget was approved unanimously.
  - B. Introduction and Approval of 2021-2022 Board Officers: Julianne Begay, President; Kim Purdue, Vice President; Michelle Der Ohanesian, Secretary/Treasurer; Jesse Bopp, Program Coordinator. Unanimously approved. Rachel Brock will also serve as the Board of Governors Representative.

- C. 2021-2022 SWCBA meetings – Julianne is working on a membership survey which will hopefully gain valuable information about what members want and what is working. This should be sent out by July 1<sup>st</sup>, and may also be posted on the website and Facebook group as well as sent in any other way we can think of to reach members. We also look forward to having a Happy Hour in conjunction with CLS as we did a couple of years back, and are hoping that our events after July will start to be in-person. SWCBA is always seeking input for CLE topics and speakers, as well as looking for people who want to get involved for the next year, and everyone is encouraged to offer feedback in these areas.
  - D. Kim announced that Mike McLaughlin is very ill and in hospice care. We discussed sending flowers to his home and circulating a card for members to sign, and discussed that Mr. McLaughlin has always been very generous with the Bar Association. Michelle, Kim, and Rachel will work on getting this done; it was supported unanimously.
- IV. Adjournment at 12:35 p.m.