LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, May 14, 2013 4:03 p.m.

Legal Services Corporation
John N. Erlenborn Conference Room
3333 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John G. Levi, Chairperson Charles N.W. Keckler Father Pius Pietrzyk, O.P. Herbert S. Garten (Non-Director Member) Frank B. Strickland (Non-Director Member)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

(None)

STAFF AND PUBLIC PRESENT:

James J. Sandman, President

Rebecca Fertig, Special Assistant to the President

Atitaya Rok, Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Affairs

Carl Rauscher, Director of Media Relations, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Wendy Rhein, Chief Development Officer

Terry Brooks, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID)

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- 5. Discussion of prospective funders for LSC's development activities and 40th anniversary celebration
- 6. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting

Motions: 4

- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- (4:03 p.m.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Could I have a motion to
- 4 approve the agenda?
- 5 MOTION
- 6 FATHER PIUS: So moved.
- 7 MR. STRICKLAND: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: All in favor?
- 9 (A chorus of ayes.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, the first thing that
- 11 isn't on here is that I need to officially
- 12 welcome -- we all do -- Wendy Rhein, who is now, as far
- 13 as I know, the first institutional advertisement
- 14 officer at the Corporation. So welcome, Wendy.
- MS. RHEIN: Thank you very much.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: We have a busy period here.
- 17 As far as the objectives, which is item 2, as the
- 18 Committee asked during the board meeting a few weeks
- 19 ago, we had the objectives ratified by the Board.
- So we now have to figure out, with Wendy's
- 21 help, how we're going to go about achieving these
- 22 objectives. They run the range, but primarily it all

- 1 related to the 40th anniversary. But they run the
- 2 range from fellowships, to matches for technology, to
- 3 the Pro Bono Innovation Fund.
- 4 So Wendy, I don't know if you want to say much
- 5 about that. But we're going to try to get ourselves
- 6 organized and off the ground here fairly soon.
- 7 MS. RHEIN: Yes. This is a situation of
- 8 building the car and doing the Indy 500 all at the same
- 9 time. So it's going to be a very busy next several
- 10 months, as I just got up to speed today. This is day
- 11 six for me.
- 12 So I'm still learning my way around the
- 13 building, and learning to ask for help, and learning
- 14 more about the programs all at the time. But there are
- 15 some wonderful opportunities and some very strong
- 16 programs.
- 17 I'm incredibly impressed with how much work
- 18 this Committee has already done in identifying
- 19 potential prospects and being able to start looking at
- 20 some very specific gifts for specific programs. So I
- 21 thank you all in advance for that and for the work that
- 22 you are going to be doing with me over the next several

- 1 months.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEVI: One other that I -- the recent
- 3 Pro Bono Task Force implementation groups have been
- 4 recently formed. Those committees, working with Lynn
- 5 Jennings, at least one of them, certainly, is charged
- 6 with undertaking the implementation of the fellowship
- 7 program.
- 8 That is in intersection with us. So I think
- 9 we need to overlap those committees, at least, so that
- 10 we aren't working at cross-purposes, but we're working
- 11 on the same agenda.
- 12 Then I'm not sure, but I think there may be
- 13 other such overlaps between the Pro Bono Task Force and
- 14 the implementation piece that may intersect, to some
- 15 extent, the work of this Committee.
- 16 Because to the extent that they need funding
- 17 for thing, we have to be careful that that funding
- 18 emanates from us -- that is, that we don't have two
- 19 groups independently going out and asking the same
- 20 donor, potentially. Because we could have an issue
- 21 there.
- MS. RHEIN: I'll speak with Lynn about that.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEVI: I don't know if any of you on
- 2 the call are on one of those subcommittees that you
- 3 already have sensed that there is some overlap? If you
- 4 have, please keep your eyes open for it.
- 5 Any committee member comments about the
- 6 objectives so far?
- 7 MR. KECKLER: Excuse me, John. I was just
- 8 going to say that procedurally, I think that the way it
- 9 might work is that since the Pro Bono Implementation
- 10 Task Force is a task force rather than a committee of
- 11 the Corporation, a committee of the Board, they would
- 12 pass on their recommendations, route them through the
- 13 Committee and then the Board, I think.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: That's what one would hope.
- 15 MR. KECKLER: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: So that's why I think, at
- 17 least for the time being, we should -- I think we've
- 18 got to sensitize all those subcommittee chairs to this
- 19 issue. Maybe Lynn can do that.
- Wendy, did you want to discuss the policies
- 21 and maybe, I think, what you're thinking about in terms
- of how we would go about them?

- 1 MS. RHEIN: I can touch on them briefly. I
- 2 think it's better to get more involved in potential
- 3 policies at our next call, when we have something to
- 4 present to you.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Sure. Yes.
- 6 MS. RHEIN: There will be several
- 7 fundraising-related policies that I hope to put before
- 8 you in the next month that will help with how the
- 9 organization is going to go about raising money, but
- 10 also accepting gifts and processing them, so that you
- 11 have that in front of you but also so that you can
- 12 approve what kinds of gifts LSC would be interested in
- 13 accepting.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEVI: That would be great. I think
- 15 related to this, it's maybe not completely policies.
- 16 Of course, the Committee did receive from Vic Fortuno
- 17 his memo regarding our own ability to conduct
- 18 charitable activities, but then the further need to
- 19 register in a number of states.
- You might tell the Committee that we're well
- 21 on our way to getting that done. Correct?
- MS. RHEIN: We are. Atitaya had started that

- 1 process before I arrived. And we have identified a
- 2 contractor who has worked with LSC in the past that
- 3 will help us in registering in 38 states and the
- 4 District of Columbia so we can do business in those
- 5 states as a fundraiser.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEVI: And how long does that process
- 7 take so that we make sure we don't cross any lines
- 8 here?
- 9 MS. RHEIN: Well, it is very important that we
- 10 have those registrations prior to raising money in
- 11 those states because we can incur significant fines for
- 12 doing so, hence the reason that we started this process
- 13 right away.
- 14 It completely depends upon the state and the
- 15 processing. There is, for about I think it's now 12
- 16 different states and the District of Columbia, a
- 17 singular form that can be used and be processed.
- 18 But beyond that, for the other 26 or so
- 19 states, you have an individual form with special
- 20 documentation that has to be submitted. Each state
- 21 will have its own registration fee that can be anywhere
- 22 from \$25 to \$300. And then there's compliance issues

- 1 and followup and annual registrations, all of which
- 2 we'll be working with this contractor to ensure that
- 3 we're in compliance.
- 4 It could take two weeks. It could take eight
- 5 weeks. It really depends upon the state's processing.
- 6 And LSC will get a letter saying, you have thereby
- 7 been approved in that state.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEVI: But we were told we are
- 9 already registered in D.C.
- MS. RHEIN: In D.C., yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Anywhere else that we know of?
- MS. RHEIN: No. Not yet.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, is it the location from
- 14 which you ask, or the location of where the donor is?
- MS. RHEIN: The location of the donor.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Well, that means this is a
- 17 fairly high priority.
- 18 MS. RHEIN: It is. It is.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any questions for Wendy on
- 20 these topics?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEVI: Public comment?

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             (No response.)
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Any other business before we
    go to a closed session?
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Now, do we have to dial back
    in?
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             MS. ROK: Yes. Does everyone have the closed
    session number?
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             MR. STRICKLAND: Yes. I have it.
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: We do.
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             MR. KECKLER: Yes.
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             CHAIRMAN LEVI: Okay. Thank you.
             (Whereupon, at 4:14 p.m., the Committee was
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    adjourned to Executive Session.)
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