



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 9, 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

The **October 9, 2024**, general membership meeting of Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association was called to order at **6:33 p.m.** by Co-President Vivian Shreve, CCLS. The meeting was held at the law offices of McManis Faulkner in downtown San Jose.

Vivian Shreve, CCLS welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us. She also introduced the following LPI Executive Officers:

Brooke Mansfield – LSI Past President (2010-2012) attending remotely.

Rod Cardinale, Jr. – LPI Past President (2022-2024), LPI Executive Advisor, and SCCoLPA Past President 2010–2014 and our current treasurer;

Guest speaker – Jing-Lan Lee, Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney.

Opportunity Drawing Items – Tickets can be purchased from Reservations Chair Marzella Philip.

MCLE/CCLS Certificates: Vivian reminded the attendees that tonight's presentation does qualify for CLE credit and CCLS credit. After tonight's meeting, everyone in attendance in person or via Zoom will receive an email with a link to the evaluation form. Please complete the evaluation and you will receive an email with a link to download your certificate.

REPORT OF VOTING MEMBERS

President Vivian recognized Reservations Chair Marzella Philip, who reported that there were **18** members in attendance, constituting a quorum (4 attending via Zoom).

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Vice President of Membership, Elise Dresser, CCLS

Upcoming events:

- November 15-17, 2024: LPI 2nd Quarterly Conference, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Walnut Creek
- December 11, 2024: Annual SCCoLPA Holiday Party, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, Cupertino. Ugly sweater contest, white elephant gift exchange, trivia games. Lots of prizes!
- February 1, 2025: 14th Annual Crab Feed, Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino. Need volunteers!

Current Membership totals:

Renewals 73, New 10, LSI Life Members 3, Student 2, for a total **89**. There were no members in attendance who have not been installed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Secretary, Elena Schneider, CCLS, reported that the June 2024 General Meeting Minutes have been posted to the website. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as published. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as published.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rod Cardinale, Jr. reported that the June, July, August, and September 2024 Treasurer's Reports have been posted to the website. There were no corrections or additions. Rod then formally recommended that the actions of the Treasurer in paying the routine bills for June through September 2024 be ratified. The recommendation was adopted, and the Treasurer's reports were approved subject to audit.

Governor: Vivian Shreve, CCLS

- LPI's First Quarterly Conference (August 16-18, 2024, in Costa Mesa): The conference report has been distributed to the membership.
- Second Quarterly Conference will be held November 15-17, 2024, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Walnut Creek, CA. Registration is open on LPI website. Lots of educational classes will be offered

Executive Secretary: Elena Schneider, CCLS

We have one Board recommendation tonight.”

The recommendation was made by the Executive Committee that Santa Clara County LPA Governor Vivian Shreve, CCLS be sent uninstructed to LPI's 2nd Quarterly Conference, to be held November 15-17, 2024 at in Walnut Creek, CA. The recommendation was voted on and adopted.

CEC Coordinator:

Maria Patterson introduced our guest speaker: Jing-Lan Lee, Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney.

The program was entitled Criminal Law 101, and proved to be a very dynamic and interesting discussion about the process of prosecution of a criminal matter from how it starts, through the charging process, discovery phase, pre-trial (including victim support), trial, conviction, sentencing, negotiated settlements (plea deals) and the appeal process. We also heard some very relatable anecdotes about the day in the life of a prosecutor including working late nights and weekends, and the passion that it takes to dedicate yourself to this type of work and how rewarding it is to give back and to serve your community.

It was a wonderful presentation, and we hope to have Jing-Lan Lee back to speak to us again in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vivian provided a list of all the classes LPI is offering and also directed members to visit the LPI Events Page to see the full calendar of events and classes.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Opportunity drawing held and reminder about the evaluation email was given.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena

Elena K. Schneider, CCLS
Executive Secretary