



SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

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Executive Board 2024-2025

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MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 11, 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The December 11, 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, at The Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino, CA.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Co-President Vivian Shreve, CCLS welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining us. The following LPI Officers, LPI Chairs, SCCoLPA board members, and special guests were introduced.

LPI Officers:

LPI President Donna Day, Alameda County LSA;
Rod Cardinale, Jr., LPI Past President (2022-2024); SCCoLPA Past President (2010-2014) and Current SCCoLPA Treasurer;
LPI Parliamentarian, Elise Dresser, CCLS, SCCoLPA Past President (2016-2018), and current SCCoLPA Vice President;
LPI Historian Shannon Quigley, SCCoLPA Past President (2018-2020); and
LPI CCLS Chair Vivian Shreve, CCLS, SCCoLPA Past President (2022-2024)

Additional SCCoLPA Board Members and Chairs:

Elena Schneider, CCLS, Executive Secretary
Ben Silowitz, Parliamentarian
Marzella Philip, Reservations Chair
Mark Dresser, Website Chair

Other Associations:

George Siambis, Vice President, SMCLPA
Tanya Tate, Governor and Parliamentarian, past president six times, SMCLPA
Cynthia Woodman, Treasurer, SMCLPA

REPORT OF VOTING MEMBERS:

President Vivian recognized Reservations Chair Marzella Philip, who reported that there were **20** members in attendance, constituting a quorum.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- Executive Secretary, Elena Schneider, CCLS, moved that the November 2024 general meeting minutes be approved as published. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Treasurer Rod Cardinale, Jr. reported that the November 2024 Treasurer's Reports have been posted to the website, and it was recommended to approve the report subject to audit. The recommendation was adopted. Rod additionally recommended that the actions of the Treasurer in paying the routine bills from November be ratified. The recommendation was ratified and adopted.
- Crab Feed Chair Rod Cardinale, Jr. reported that SCCoLPA's 14th Annual Crab Feed & Silent Auction is coming up on February 1, 2025, at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino, CA. The tickets are \$75.00, which includes all you can eat crab, beer, wine, pasta, salad and dessert. Registration is open and tickets are available.
- Vice President of Membership Elise Dresser, CCLS initiated the following new members: Ian Nguyen, Sogol Saradar, Hope Savoeun, and Dora Fortino.

NEW BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Vice President of Membership, Elise Dresser, CCLS announced that the recipient of SCCoLPA's annual holiday donation is Lincoln Law School of San Jose. For over a century, Lincoln Law School of San Jose has provided accessible, part-time legal education tailored for working adults. Their core mission is to improve access to legal education for all students, particularly historically underrepresented minority students and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. They strive to maximize affordability in legal education, empowering graduates to pursue careers in public service and establish small practices aimed at providing cost-effective legal aid to underserved communities. Jason Amezcua, Dean of Lincoln Law School of San Jose was present to accept the donation. Dean Amezcua has served at other non-profit organizations during his career, and he shares SCCoLPA's goals of providing quality education and improving the lives of others.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Executive Secretary: Elena Schneider, CCLS moved to dispense with the remaining business of the Association until the next general membership meeting of 2025. The motion was seconded and carried.

With no further business to come before the membership, the business portion of this meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next membership meeting of Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association will be announced next month.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena

Elena K. Schneider, CCLS
Executive Secretary