1. Call to Order: Joshua Zugish, LCBA President, called the business meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Recognition: Josh recognized the tremendous efforts and work of Cathy Vlasak and Lisa Ritter on behalf of the LCBA.

3. State of the Judiciary: Judge Stephen Howard spoke on the following topics: (a) Soozy Fredrickson’s hire as Clerk of Courts; (b) the rate of felony filings increase has slowed and is slightly up at this time; (c) the imminent rotation of district court assignments; (d) the weighted case load study in County Court is ongoing; (e) the budget is in good shape statewide; (f) some judges will be standing for retention in the November 2018 election; (g) the 8th Judicial District Performance Commission will be issuing its report prior to the election; input to the report can be provided online and evaluations will be handed out to visitors to the courthouse (probably in August), and a non-attorney position is open on the Commission; (h) the status of several bills pending before the Legislature, including a bill that would increase the jurisdictional limit for county court matters to $35,000 (filing fees will be increased to accommodate that change), a bill that would provide for misdemeanors with no monetary bonds in almost all cases, and a technology bill that would promote remote litigation in which litigants could appear by video; and (i) the website, ColoradoLegalHelp.com, on which individuals can find a lawyer.

4. Treasurer’s Report: Anda Stephenson reported that the LCBA was on budget last year. The LCBA has more in reserves than anticipated because membership dues went up. The LCBA’s financials are available upon request.

5. Access to Justice: Kara Clark reported that the organization’s goal is to provide greater access to the courts and the organization is looking for new members. Kara also spoke about Legal Resource Day and Family Law Day and the availability of the Modest Means list on the Access to Justice website and in the Self-Help Center. Kara also mentioned the event to benefit the Crossroads Safehouse on March 24, 2018, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and encouraged participation in that event.

6. Family Law Day/Self-Help Center: Megan Einerson, one of the Self-Help Center coordinators, reported that 600 individuals per month are assisted by the Self-Help Center, most of whom seek help in person. Megan also reported on the Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic,
which takes place on the second Tuesday of every month. Volunteers are always welcome. Finally, Megan spoke about Family Law Day, which is scheduled on May 11, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. At this event, volunteer attorneys will provide free legal services for those dealing with family law issues; there will be 30-minute individual sessions with lawyers, classes, and help in selecting and completing forms. Sign-ups are scheduled to start on April 16th. Megan noted that 75 people were assisted at this event in 2017.

7. Pro Bono Program: Ben Kramer, a program co-chair with Cody Knebel, reported that during the 2016-17 span, 98 attorneys assisted 600 people through this program. Volunteer attorneys are welcome.

8. Women’s Bar: Alyse Ritchie reported that the quarterly lunch meeting will occur on March 8, 2018 at Blue Agave. The summer social is tentatively scheduled for August.

9. Young Lawyers Division: Dan St. John reported that YLD’s big event is Law Day on May 1, 2018, and the topic will be the separation of powers. Dan noted that a new Executive Board has been elected: Ben Kramer (President), Will Beyers (Vice President), Matt Haltzman (Treasurer), and Fred Long (Secretary).

10. Mock Trial: Ian McCargar reported that the regional competition was completed a month ago. Multiple teams from the northern region moved on to the state competition, which is scheduled for March 9-10, 2018 in Weld County. Ian noted volunteers are needed for scoring, judging, etc. and encouraged participation.

11. Steven J. Roy scholarship committee: Ian McCargar reported that the committee will begin its work shortly in anticipation of its presentation of scholarship awards to recipients on Law Day. Ian reminded the attendees that the scholarships’ source of revenue is attendance at the annual professionalism seminar on the afternoon of April 18, 2018. This will be the 28th year that the seminar has been led by Magistrate Jostad.

12. CLE Program: Renee Doak reported that a list of upcoming CLE’s is available and mentioned specific upcoming events, including the Larimer County Judges Panel on March 19, 2018.

13. Inns of Court: Tracy Oldemeyer reported that monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Bent Forks in Centerra. The next meeting is on March 15th, and an FBI agent will be speaking at the April meeting. The focus of Inns of Court is on ethics, civility and professionalism, and Doug Stratton is the current president. Tracy encouraged attendance and noted that one can join for an annual fee or instead pay a guest fee of $35 per meeting. CLE credit is often available for attendance at the meetings.

14. Presentation of Colorado Legal Services Gift: John Asher was presented with a gift of $10,000 to Colorado Legal Services, which is specifically earmarked for use in the Fort Collins office. John expressed his thanks to the LCBA, Josh Zugish and Dick Gast.
15. Election of Officers for the 2018-19 Term: The Larimer County Bar Association slate for the 2018-19 term of Renee Doak (President), Anda Stephenson (Vice President), Kandace Majoros (Treasurer), and Art Spiciatti (Secretary) was approved unanimously.

16. Introduction of New Lawyers: For the last time in at least 35 years, Roger Clark introduced the new lawyers in the Larimer County Bar Association: Donald (Donny) McClellan; Amanda (Mandi) Huston; Sam Afifi; Alexis Pierce; Andrew Callahan; Samantha Walls; Russ Peterman; Jordan Lewis; and Jack Stokan. Great thanks was expressed to Roger for his outstanding and ever-witty contributions.

17. Recognition: The retirement of Jack Hammond was recognized after decades of service.

18. Term Day Activities: Josh noted that lunch is at the Rio at 12:00 p.m. and that speakers Dick Gast and Justice Gabriel will be presenting on the topic of professionalism. Lunch will be followed by bowling at 2:00 p.m. at Chipper’s on Horsetooth. A copy of the outline from Justice Gabriel’s presentation is attached for those who were unable to attend.

Adjournment: Josh adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.