

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

March 6, 2019

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at Kingfish in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by President Lisa Spitale. An Agenda for the meeting was circulated to the Members of the Board of Governors prior to the meeting. Members of the Board of Governors in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers:

- X Lisa Spitale, President
- X Robert Eyer, President-Elect
- X Maura Zajac McGuire, Vice President
- X Paul J. Harak, Treasurer
- X Steven B. Molder, Secretary
- X Daniel M. O'Donnell, Past President

Board Members:

- X David M. Backenstoe
- X Jeremy F. Clark
- X Jacqueline K. Holmes
- Richard Santee
- X Michael A. Santanasto
- Scott Wilhelm
- X Douglas Tkacik

Executive Director:

- X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 6, 2019 were circulated for review. Daniel M. O'Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes and Maura Zajac McGuire seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President Spitale reported on the following matters:

No communications. A meeting with Judge Koury was postponed
But some changes at the Call of the List have been reported.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul J. Harak indicated there is no Treasurer's Report this month due to Patti being out.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. Ms. Fernandez was hired for the Reporter position.
- B. YLD Happy Hour is being held March 22, 2019 at Pints & Pies.
- C. Reception for the Court invitations are out.
- D. YLD new event Breakfast with the Bench is planned at Billy's Dinner in Easton.

V. PROGRAMS

Vice President Maura Zajac McGuire reported that she was pursuing a motivational speaker, Dawn Schantz, but there were funding issues.

Considering a future program from a medical marijuana speaker possibly in

September.

Mark Altemose is doing a presentation related to auto insurance at the upcoming meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation Update. Santanasto advised that invitations will be going out soon. To date they have \$22,000 in sponsorship. They are also collecting raffle donations.

B. CACLV previously submitted a grant request. O'Donnell will inquire further about the nature of how the funds are to be used and reported, they are for the mortgage foreclosure program. Douglas Tkacik made a motion to give \$2,500 to CACLV for mortgage foreclosure. Motion was passed.

C. Pomfret Club – the concepts have evolved and Artefact, Inc. has looked at the building. They are asking \$500 - \$1,000 to put on a presentation at the Bar meeting. Building Committee recommends the Board to decide. Discussion by all – Lisa Spitale to go back to Pomfret Club for more information and we are not interested in leasing.

D. PBI-CLE no longer provides free credit to Registrars. Committee does not believe will get Registrar and has recommended to their Committee merge with NCBA Lunch Lecture Committee. To disband their committee we will have to make Bylaw change. Lisa Spitale will look into the matter further.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. YLD award – preliminary investigation by Becky Kulik. The Board generally supports the idea. Motion by Jeremy Clark and seconded by David M. Backenstoe.

B. Paralegal award through NCC which is an award to a student at NCC with highest GPA. The award has been \$500 plus a plaque. Motion by Michael A. Santanasto and seconded by Jeremy Clark. Approved.

C. October Soiree – Emil Giordano volunteered the band to play.

D. PBA weekend conference for Young Lawyers, each county gets to send one lawyer expenses paid. Michael A. Santanasto made a motion for Noah Huth. Daniel M. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Approved.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David M. Backenstoe . The motion was seconded by Michael A. Santanasto. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Steven B. Molder, Secretary