

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

April 3, 2019

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at The Bayou Easton in Easton, Pennsylvania at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 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:**

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

**Board Members:**

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

**Executive Director:**

- Mary Beth Leeson

## **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 6, 2019 were circulated for review. David Backenstoe 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: She was busy with various matters.

## **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Paul J. Harak presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. He announced the balance as of February 28, 2019 as \$1,467,249.98 and of March 31, 2019 of \$1,383,438.19. Down about \$80,000 this year due to a reduction in Sheriff Sales.

## **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. Reception for the Court – The program was long but attendance was high this year.
- B. SCOTUS admission went well. Organized and smoothly run. Attendees were duly impressed.
- C. Woman of Heart Award was awarded to Jill McComsey.
- D. New website is in operation and it allows for online payments.

## **V. PROGRAMS**

Vice President Maura Zajac McGuire reported that she was pursuing a September program Trauma in the Courtroom.

Considering a future program on inherent bias

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Lisa Spitale will meet with Judge Koury; will be issuing a memo.
- B. Foundation Update. Invitations are out. They are also collecting raffle donations and in need of more auction items.
- C. Pomfret Club – Lisa indicated the PC want a proposal from NCBA. The consensus of the Board was a lack of interest short of buying the building.
- D. Bylaw Change – PBI Committee wants to disband ; we need to consider this and some other possible Bylaw changes.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. . Rick Santee raised that the County is struggling for Arbitrators.
- B. Next meeting May 1, 2019 is a morning meeting at the Bar Association.

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maura Zajac McGuire . The motion was seconded by Paul Harak. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



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Steven B. Molder, Secretary