

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019**

The January Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The January Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 was called to order by President Lisa Spitale at 6:09 p.m. A quorum was present at the time the meeting was called to order. The following officers of the NCBA were present when the meeting was called to order:

Lisa Spitale, President
Robert Eyer, President Elect
Maura Zajac McGuire, Vice-President
Steven B. Molder, Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Quarterly Association Meeting of November 8, 2018 were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member, Brian Lawser, and was seconded by Member, James Fiorentino. A motion was approved unanimously by the members in attendance at the meeting.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following proposed new members appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA:

Noah M. Huth (Sponsored by Victor E. Scmillio and Lisa Spitale)
Megan Michael (Sponsored by Mark Stanziola and Abele Iacobelli)

After introduction of the proposed new members, a motion was made by Member, Karl Longenbach and seconded by Member, James Fiorentino, to admit the above-listed attorneys into membership in the NCBA. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the proposed new members were accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Book Club. Becky Kulik announced the Book Club meeting will be held on March 7, 2019 at Easton Wine Project at 5:00 p.m. and the book to be discussed is "Sandra Day O'Conner: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became its Most Influential Justice" written by Joan Biskupic.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Eyer presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. He announce th total balance of all accounts as of December 31, 2018 to be \$1,315,842.81.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Foundation Committee - Members Michael A. Santanato and Alyssa A Lopiano-Reilly were present at the meeting and announced that David Akers (former Eagle kicker) will be speaking and presenting a kicking clinic for YMCA students. The event is going to be held on May 1, 2019 and the funds will be split between the Bar Foundation and the YMCA (The Greater Valley YMCA is our co-sponsor). Further, they are looking for additional sponsors

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. A reminder that Becky Kulik announced on April 1, 2019, there would be a ceremonial admission at the U.S. Supreme Court. Information must be provided no later than February 4, 2019 to be included and the group is limited to 25.

B. NCC paralegal survey results. There were 77 responses to the paralegal survey and generally they were from small offices. The top skill for paralegals was organization. The study was printed and placed on all the tables for review.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pro Bono Award was presented by Member, James Fiorentino of North Penn Legal Services and the award was given to Victor E. Scmillio who has been a volunteer for ten years and has handled in excess of 24 cases.

B. Bylaw update was presented by Member, Emil Giordano, Judge retired. The modification was to Article VIII, regarding the policy for the Association's evaluation of a Judicial Candidate. A vigorous discussion followed. The motion was called to a vote and approved over several dissenting votes.

X. BARRISTERS' BOAST

A. It was announced that our own Judge Jack Panella was elected President Judge of the Superior Court. It was further suggested by Member, Roseann Joseph that some recognition be considered. That topic is currently on the agenda of the upcoming Board of Governors meeting.

B. It was announced that Roseann Joseph has a birthday; however no numbers were mentioned.

C. Member, Isaac Hof, successfully completed a marathon; however, he was not present, probably still recovering.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member, Brian Lawson and seconded by Member, Keene Jabbour. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven B. Molder, Secretary