

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
January 3, 2018**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at River Grille - Easton at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by President Daniel M. O'Donnell. 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 Daniel M. O'Donnell, President
- X Lisa Spitale, President-Elect
- X Robert Eyer, Vice President
- X Maura Zajac McGuire, Treasurer
- X Paul J. Harak, Secretary
- X Michael P. Shay, Past President

Board Members:

- X David M. Backenstoe
- X Jeremy F. Clark
- X Jacqueline K. Holmes
- X Rebecca Kulik
- X Steven B. Molder
- X Michael A. Santanasto
- X Scott Wilhelm

Executive Director:

- X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 6, 2017 were circulated for review. Backenstoe made a motion to approve the minutes and Eyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

McGuire presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. McGuire announced the total balance as of December 31, 2017 as follows: \$1,355,592.92. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and submitted for audit without exception.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

A. The summer outing has been scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the same venue as last year with the same activities planned.

B. The dues to all members have been mailed out and the committee chairs for the various committees are being finalized.

C. The reception for the Court is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018. The members being honored this year are Daniel E. Cohen, Esquire; Philip D. Lauer, Esquire; William J. McCarthy, III, Esquire; and Thomas P. Stitt, Esquire. There will also be a pre-reception with the Judges, Young Lawyers and Board of Governors.

D. The Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018.

E. There are registration forms for the Conference of County Bar Leaders which is to occur the weekend of February 22-24, 2018.

V. PROGRAMS

Eyer reported that the program for the Annual Meeting would be presented by Matthew Goerke, who is a memory expert, and will help with mind building skills. Eyer is exploring programs for presentation in March, 2018, a possibility would be addiction effecting law practice. Santanasto advised that he would contact the Innocence Project to see if they would be interested in presenting a future program.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Santanasto gave a Foundation update. The Foundation is attempting to lineup five prominent individuals to give a ten minute presentation reflecting significant moments in their lives. The Foundation is attempting to come up with a list of approximately twenty people to approach. There was discussion of, potentially, Mario Andretti, Jordan Spieth and other noteworthy individuals.

B. Topic of the Month. O'Donnell discussed how to engage greater member participation in the NCBA. The discussion lead to the following topics:

1. Should the Bench Bar Conference be an annual event or every two years (the old Bench Bar Conferences were local and revolved around an all-day CLE);
2. Should the Amicus Soiree be every year;
3. There was a spirited discussion about how to get new members to attend events;
4. Presenting family events such as a breakfast with Santa and Easter Egg Hunt was discussed;

5. It was determined that the average member appears at two or three events a year; and

6. Should the summer outing be opened up to families.

Discussion concluded with what other topics of the month should be considered. The members broke into a discussion about the benefit of staying as a Unit County Member and determined that would be next month's topic with the hope of everyone contributing to the presentation.

D. Jeremy Clark was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Spitale. The motion was seconded by Kulik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at Kingfish Restaurant, Bethlehem, PA.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul J. Harak, Secretary