

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
THURSDAY, January 18, 2018**

The January Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, 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 18, 2018, was called to order by President Daniel M. O'Donnell at 6:15 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:

Daniel M. O'Donnell, President
Lisa M. Spitale, President-Elect
Robert Eyer, Vice President
Paul J. Harak, Secretary
Michael P. Shay, Past President
Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Quarterly Association Meeting of November 9, 2017 were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member, Michael P. Shay, and was seconded by Member, Ronald W. Shipman. The 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:

Alexis Berg-Townsend
(Sponsored by William C. Rambo and Abraham P. Kassis)

Steven D. Brown
(Sponsored by James L. Pfeiffer and Charles Bruno)

Joshua Daly
(Sponsored by Robert C. Brown and Joel M. Scheer)

Julianne Danchak
(Sponsored by Abigail Bellafatto and Erika A. Farkas)

Patricia Leeson
(Sponsored by the Hon. Joseph F. Leeson, Jr. and William P. Leeson)

Michael J. McKarski
(Sponsored by Edward J. McKarski and Nicholas Noel)

Paolo Shipman
(Sponsored by Ronald W. Shipman, Hon. Antonia M. Grifo and Christopher M. Shipman)

John Anthony Simone, Jr.
(Sponsored by Scott M. Wilhelm and Edward J. McKarski)

Amy R. Van Varick
(Sponsored by John Thomas and Maura Zajac McGuire)

After introduction of the proposed new members, a motion was made by Member, Abraham P. Kassis, and seconded by Member, Alexander J. Karam, 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 all proposed new members were accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. All future PBI CLE courses will be held at the NCBA building and not 6 Danforth Drive, Easton, Pennsylvania 18045.

B. The 48th Annual Reception For The Court is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018. All are encouraged to attend.

C. There are calendars distributed on the tables referencing the events the NCBA will hold this year. All are encouraged to attend and provide us your thoughts with any other types of programs you may want to see presented.

D. The Committee Preference Forms will distributed to all NCBA members. Please complete them and return them at your earliest convenience.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

President Elect Lisa M. Spitale presented the Treasurer's Report, which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. Spitale announced the total balance of all accounts as of December 31, 2017 to be: \$1,355,592.92. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Foundation Committee – Member, Michael A. Santanasto, provided a report from the NCBA Charitable Foundation Committee. The Committee is attempting to find five prominent individuals to give a ten minute presentation reflecting significant moments in their lives. The Committee is attempting to come up with a list of approximately twenty people to approach. If anyone has any ideas they should report them to the members of the Committee.

B. Member, Isaac A. Hof, informed the members that the Bench Bar Conference will be held October 4, 2018 through October 16, 2018 at the Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs, New York. There is a variety of social activities in Saratoga Springs for members who are planning on attending. The members were encouraged to attend the event.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

North Penn Legal Services Pro Bono Award – Member, Victoria A. Coyle, Executive Director of North Penn Legal Services, presented the Pro Bono Award to Robert “Bob” Pandaleon for his generous contribution of his time in performing pro bono services over the last year.

X. BARRISTERS’ BOAST

A. Congratulations were extended to Alexander O. Ward who has opened up his own practice on January 2, 2018.

B. Congratulations were extended to new member, Michael J. McKarski, upon his admission into the NCBA and to Member, Edward J. McKarski, proud father.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member, Michael P. Shay and seconded by Member, Robert C. Brown. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul J. Harak, Secretary