

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
May 2, 2018**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at The Northampton County Bar Association Building - at 8:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order at 8:06 A.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
 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
 Scott Wilhelm

Executive Director:

X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on April 4, 2018 were circulated for review. Shay made a motion to approve the minutes and Clark seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President O'Donnell reported on the following matters:

A. O'Donnell reported that he attended the Northampton Community College Award Presentation for their Paralegal Program.

B. O'Donnell reported that he received a letter from Judge Hogan raising concerns over Legal Zoom and other entities attempting to take over the practice of law.

C. O'Donnell reported that Commonwealth Court Judge Simpson advised that the Commonwealth Court will have an argument session in the Lehigh Valley on September 17, 2018 at Lehigh University. O'Donnell will contact Commonwealth Court Judge Simpson and offer to host a dinner for the Judges, The Northampton County Bench and The Board of Governors.

D. O'Donnell reported that he received an email from The Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Service regarding the Association's efforts to nurture diversity and women of color.

E. O'Donnell reported that he received an email regarding a Federal Rules CLE presented by the Northern Tier Federal Judges on May 3, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Lehigh County Bar Association encouraging people to attend. A reception will follow the CLE program.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

President-Elect Spitale presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. She announced the total balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$1,373,418.86.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

A. An Agenda for the 2018 Northampton County Bench Bar Conference be held on October 4-6, 2018 was circulated. The highlights of the Agenda were reviewed.

B. A reminder was given to attend the May 17, 2018 Quarterly Meeting.

C. Tour guides and volunteers are needed for the May 21, 2018 Law Day.

D. The next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held at the Sun Inn on June 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

V. PROGRAMS

Eyer reported there would be some type of technological presentation which was being discussed with Member, Jill McComsey.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation Update - Director Santanasto advised that the Foundation appears to be securing David Akers as a speaker. David Akers' speaking fee would be discounted if the Foundation and Mr. Akers could agree on which charities to support.

B. Building Update - Harak made a brief presentation regarding an update of the Building Committee. Harak reported to Member Shaughnessy that the Board decided not to approve spending \$6,500.00 with Nu Cor Management, Inc. Member Shaughnessy advised that he would talk to the leadership at the Pomfret Club and attempt to gather more information and details to present back to the Building Committee and ultimately the Board of Governors.

C. October Board Meeting – After discussion, it was determined that the October Board of Governors Meeting would be moved to 5:30 P.M. on October 10, 2018.

D. By-Laws Committee Update – President O’Donnell presented a proposed amendment to Article 7 of the By-Laws of the Northampton County Bar Association. After discussion by the Board, President O’Donnell agreed to revise the amendment, based upon the Board’s discussion, and forward it to Member, Michael Deschler, Chair of the By-Laws Committee for review.

E. Solo Practitioner’s Committee Report – President O’Donnell discussed what happens when a client cannot find his or her attorney. The issue was referred to the Solo Practice Committee for discussion. Member, Ralph Bellafatto is looking into this matter.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

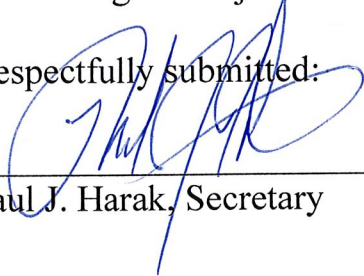
A. Commonwealth Court – This information was addressed in the President’s Report.

B. Member Harak advised that the Business and Banking Law Committee, at their meeting, raised issues regarding the speed of getting tax clearance from the Department of Revenue in certain business transactions. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Banking and Business Law Committee can address this matter on their own, if they deem it appropriate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Backenstoe. The motion was seconded by Kulik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul J. Harak, Secretary