

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

The September Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The November Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018, was called to order by President Daniel M. O'Donnell at 6:02 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
Robert Eyer, Vice President
Lisa Spitale, President-Elect
Maura Zajac McGuire, Treasurer
Paul J. Harak, Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Quarterly Association Meeting of September 13, 2018 were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member, Kevin F. Danyi, and was seconded by Member, Richard J. Jacobs. The motion was approved unanimously by the members in attendance at the meeting.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Alyssa Hicks (Sponsored by Edward J. Easterly and Jacqueline Holmes)
Nicholas Sandercock (Sponsored by Adrian K. Cousens and Michael P. Shay)
Elizabeth Marcon (Sponsored by Christian M. Perrucci and Robert M. Donchez)

After introduction of the proposed new member, a motion was made by Member, Gregory R. Reed, and seconded by Member, Ralph J. Bellafatto, 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 member was accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ceremonial admissions to the Northampton County Bar Association will be held in Courtroom 1 on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 1:15 P.M. All are encouraged to attend.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maura Zajac McGuire presented the Treasurer's Report, which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. She announced the total balance of all accounts as of October 31, 2018 to be: \$1,373,934.76. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation Update –Member, Michael A. Santanasto, advised that the Foundation's first event will be held on May 1, 2019 and David Akers has agreed to appear. Mr. Akers has agreed to discount his fee. The funds from the event will now be split with the YMCA on a dollar-for-dollar basis from dollar one. There was a request for volunteers to join sub-committees.

B. Legally Bound Book Club – Member, Abigail Bellafatto, advised that the book for discussion is *Wilderness of Error – The Trials of Jeffrey MacDonald* by Errol Morris and the book contains a litany of criminal justice issues. The Book Club will meet at the Bar Association Office on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. All are encouraged to attend.

C. Holiday Hope Chest – Member Isaac A. Hof advised that the Holiday Hope Chest is shopping on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and encouraged the Members to donate. The donations are approximately \$2,000.00 short of last year's collected figure. The Holiday Hope Chest benefits underprivileged children.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Judge Robert K. Young Book – Job Description: Trial Lawyer - Judge Robert K. Young wrote a book and donated a number of copies to the Association. The book is being sold for \$18.00 and all funds go to the Northampton County Bar Association Foundation.

B. North Penn Legal Services Request – North Penn Legal Services has made their annual donation request. They are asking that the Bar Association match last year's pledge of \$60,000.00. The Board of Governors recommended authorizing the pledge. Motion was made by Member, John M. Morganelli, and seconded by Member, William K. Murphy, to approve the pledge. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2019 NCBA Officers and New Board Members – The Nominating Committee has presented the 2019 slate of Officers and Board of Governors as follows:

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

New Board Members:
Board Member - Douglas Jon Tkacik
Young Board Member – Richard Eugene Santee

Motion was made by Member, Gregory R. Reed, and seconded by Member, Lawrence B. Fox, to approve the Nominating Committee's slate for the 2019 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2019 NCBA Budget – President-Elect Spitale presented the 2019 budget. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Member, Michael J. Vargo, and seconded by Member, Gregory R. Reed, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

X. BARRISTERS' BOAST

A. Member, Michael A. Santanasto, welcomed his third child and first daughter into the world and also recently completed the New York City Marathon.

B. Lori A. Molloy was recently appointed to Executive Director of North Penn Legal Services.

C. Member, Constance K. Nelson, was recently appointed as Board President of North Penn Legal Services.

D. Member, Amy R. Van Varick, Director of the Paralegal Program at Northampton Community College, thanked everyone who participated in a recent survey circulated by the college.

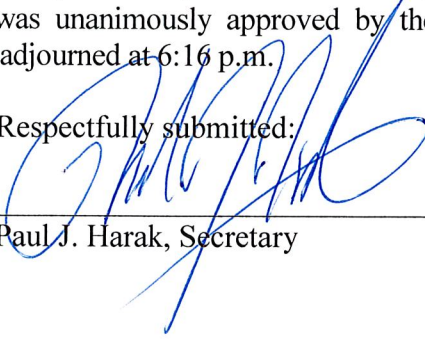
E. Member, Curtis "Hank" Barnette, will be honored on November 15, 2018 by the Association of Professional Fundraisers.

F. Judge Robert Freedberg will be honored at the 2018 Easton Area Good Scout Breakfast at the Pomfret Club on November 15, 2018.

G. The Membership thanked President O'Donnell for his dedicated service and leadership over the last calendar year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member, Steven B. Molder, and seconded by Member, Joel M. Scheer. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul J. Harak, Secretary