

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
December 5, 2018**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at The Bayou in Easton, PA at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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
 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
 Michael A. Santanasto
X Scott Wilhelm

Executive Director:

X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 7, 2018 were circulated for review. Spitale made a motion to approve the minutes and Eyer 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. An email was received from Barry M. Simpson, Esquire, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Bar Association thanking the Association for its \$5,000.00 donation.

B. The Building Committee meeting met and discussed the continuing potential of the Bar Association acquiring an interest in the Pomfret Club. After discussion, it was determined that President O'Donnell would call the architect to get an idea of costs. No other action was taken.

C. The PBI Conference Center sent a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a new reimbursement fee schedule to County Bar Associations for simulcast and video replay programs. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Eyer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Kulik and Shay were thanked for their services to the Board during their respective terms.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

President O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. He announced the total balance as of November 30, 2018 was \$1,374,179.20.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

A. A personnel matter was discussed regarding vacation.

B. A personnel matter was discussed regarding salaries for the 2019 calendar year.

- C. The Association started advertising for an office employee.
- D. The Holiday Hope Chest has collected close to 600 boxes for wrapping and distribution.
- E. The Pennsylvania Bar Association reported that they were not going to raise dues by \$10.00 per person, which is contrary to their original announcement in May. The Board voted to increase the Northampton County Bar Association dues by \$10.00, since the increase was already in the budget and NCBA dues have not been increased since 2006.
- F. Ceremonial Admissions to the Bar are being held on December 7, 2018 in Courtroom No. 1 at 1:15 P.M. All are encouraged to attend.
- G. The Northampton County Bar Association Pro Bono Award will be given to Victor E. Scmillio, Esquire.
- H. Judges McFadden, Dally and Koury are not requesting a plebiscite for their upcoming retention election.
- I. Book Buddies is moving forward. There are many volunteers; the books were bought; and the times and dates are in the process of being scheduled.
- J. Discussion was held whether the Association should have a policy for Members' behavior at events. At this point no action was taken and Director Leeson will gather more information.

V. PROGRAMS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation Update – Director Leeson presented the Foundation update for Santanasto. The first round of sponsor letters are being distributed. All Members are being encouraged to be generous. David Akers is scheduled to appear. The YMCA has been supportive and all are looking forward to the May 1, 2019 event.

B. By-Laws Committee Update – President O'Donnell had a tax lawyer review the By-Laws updates. The By-Laws are acceptable. The Magisterial District Judge position cannot be added to the amendment and they cannot participate in a

plebiscite. The redlined form will be kept and presented at the next membership meeting for approval and adoption.

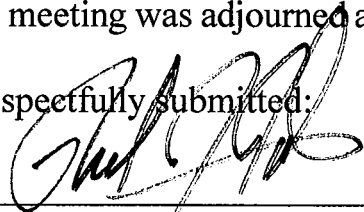
VII. NEW BUSINESS

President O'Donnell thanked all the Members of the Board for their service and the opportunity to serve as President to the Association.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wilhelm. The motion was seconded by Kulik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Paul J. Harak, Secretary