

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017**

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017, was called to order by President Michael P. Shay at 6:07 p.m. Past President Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly invited all NCBA past presidents in attendance to form a line in front of the assembly. The gavel was ceremoniously passed along by the NCBA past presidents to President Shay. A quorum was present at the time the meeting was called to order. President Shay began the meeting by expressing thanks to Lopiano-Reilly for her outstanding service to the NCBA as the 2016 President. The membership joined in expressing appreciation. The following officers of the NCBA were present when the meeting was called to order:

Michael P. Shay, President
Daniel M. O'Donnell, President-Elect
Lisa Spitale, Vice President
Robert Eyer, Treasurer
Maura Zajac McGuire, Secretary
Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Past President

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 16, 2016 were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by member Paul Harak and was seconded by member Abraham P. Kassis. 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:

Ryan A. Dornish (Sponsored by Scott W. Wilhelm and Jennifer Toth)
Chrystyna M. Fenchen (Sponsored by Kevin F. Danyi and Joanne Kelhart)
Derek Preston Richmond (Sponsored by Paul Harak and Victor Scomillio)
Jacob Sitman (Sponsored by Gretchen Geisser and Karl Kline)
Lori Ann Stauffer (Sponsored by Michael Santanasto and Richard E. Santee)
John A. Weiss, Jr. (Sponsored by Michael Nesfeder and Gretchen Geisser)

After introduction of the proposed new members, a motion was made by member Theresa Hogan and seconded by member Ronald Shipman 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. Reception for the Court

The Reception for the Court is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017 at Northampton County Club. All members are encouraged to attend. The following attorneys will be honored to celebrate the achievement of 50-years practicing law and a current NCBA member: Martin D. Cohen, Herbert G. Litvan, Alan McFall, and Henry R. Newton.

B. Calendar on back of Agenda

A calendar on the back of the Agenda for this meeting lists NCBA meetings and events for 2017. Members are encouraged to participate in meetings and events.

C. Committee Preference Forms

Members are encouraged to send completed Committee Preference Forms to the NCBA Office. Committee chairpersons are in place for all committees except the Committee on Legal Biography and History. Larry Fox, the only member of that committee, has served as

chairperson for three (3) years. The NCBA Bylaws preclude Fox from continuing to serve as chairperson. Member Theresa Hogan nominated member Drummond Taylor to chair the NCBA Committee on Legal Biography and History. Taylor indicated his willingness to serve in that capacity and President Shay gratefully named Taylor as chair of that committee.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Eyer presented the Treasurer's Report, which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. Eyer announced the total balance of all accounts as of December 31, 2016 to be: \$1,356,026.14. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. NCBA Foundation

Member Michael Santanasto reported that the NCBA Foundation has had its first meeting, which included formal appointment of its board members. Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at the NCBA Office, at 12:00 p.m. Foundation board members are enthusiastic about the future of the foundation. It is anticipated that the foundation will hold its first full event in Spring 2018.

B. Young Lawyers Division

Member Ricky Santee reported that the Holiday Hope Chest Project was a great success, with the YLD once again being the largest donor to this year's project. Thanks to the hard work of the YLD and the generosity of NCBA members, the YLD surpassed its original goal. Over 600 Holiday Hope Chests were delivered to the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley for distribution to children experiencing unfortunate circumstances. Santee thanked the YLD members for their hard work and NCBA members for their generosity.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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None.

X. BARRISTERS' BOAST AND OPEN FORUM

A. Barristers' Boast

Congratulations were extended to member Jill Kelly McComsey who has been selected to receive the 2017 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Excellence Award. McComsey was commended for her work supporting North Penn Legal Services which includes the annual "Raise a Glass to Justice" fundraiser.

Congratulations were extended to member Michael Light, who was presented with the NCBA Fair Share Pro Bono Award during the Ceremonial Bar Admissions in December.

B. Open Forum

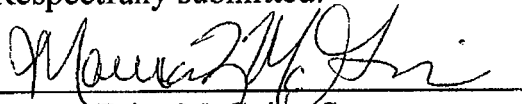
President Shay announced that an "Open Forum" item is on the agenda for this meeting and will be an agenda item for each Quarterly Meeting in 2017. Shay invited members to raise any issue that they would like to bring to the attention of the Board of Governors and the membership.

An inquiry was made as to the status of investigation into the possibility of purchasing or leasing a building, for the purpose of relocating the NCBA Office. Shay agreed to pose this inquiry to the NCBA Building Committee for review and comment.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Anthony Rybak and seconded by member Victoria Coyle. 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:



Maura Zajac McGuire, Secretary