

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
March 1, 2017**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Marblehead Chowder House at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by President Michael P. Shay. 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:

- 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

Board Members:

- David M. Backenstoe
- Paul J. Harak
- Rebecca Kulik
- Steven B. Molder
- Michael A. Santanasto
- Scott Wilhelm
- Jacqueline K. Holmes

Executive Director:

- Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 1, 2017, were circulated for review. Spitale made a motion to approve the minutes. Kulik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President Shay reported on the following matters:

Communication was received from The Pennsylvania Bar Association regarding the PBA's Young Lawyers' Division Summer Summit, which will be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center July 26th-28th. The NCBA is asked to send one young lawyer (admitted to practice for 3 years or less) at the PBA's cost. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the opportunity will be offered to member James Sensor.

Shay noted that NCBA member Isaac Hof attended the Conference of County Bar Leaders to participate in the PBA Bar Leadership Institute. The Institute strives to get young lawyers interested in leadership positions. Shay recognized that the NCBA has a good resource in our young lawyers. It would be beneficial to find out what young lawyers want from our association.

Communication was received from the PBA regarding 2017 Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund Grant Requests. This group considers grant requests for programs designed to help reduce incidents of malpractice.

Lopiano-Reilly reported on a confidential communication.

The next House of Delegates Meeting will take place on May 12th in Pittsburgh. Lopiano-Reilly is unable to attend. Spitale volunteered to attend in her place.

Correspondence was received from the Montgomery County Bar Association encouraging the NCBA to (1) oppose legislation imposing sales

tax on legal services, (2) issue Resolutions in that regard; and (3) contact legislators to voice opposition. Following a discussion it was agreed that this issue will be an agenda item for the Quarterly Association Meeting that will be held next week.

Communication was received from Dee Mondschien, daughter of the late John Mondschien, Esquire. Ms. Mondschien plans to establish a non-profit entity in Nazareth for the purpose of fighting the heroin epidemic by providing an after-school program and other support for at-risk teens. She is looking for attorneys who would be willing to volunteer pro bono services and/or serve on a board. It was agreed that Shay will pass along Ms. Mondschien's request to the membership at the Quarterly Meeting.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Spitale presented the Treasurer's Report for Eyer, who was unable to attend the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was previously circulated for review by the Board. Spitale announced the total balance as of February 28, 2017 as follows: \$1,472,692.68. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and submitted for audit without exception.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

Raymond DeRaymond, the oldest member of the NCBA, turned 95-years old on February 22nd.

The High School Mock Trials ended last night with a competition between Pen Argyl and Nazareth High Schools and Nazareth won. A total of 19 schools participated in the competition. Judge Roscioli made the final trial in the competition a fantastic experience for the participants. Leeson will put a summary of the competition in the Northampton County Reporter.

Court Administrator Jermaine Greene is requesting donations of suits, ties, and belts for criminal defendants awaiting trial.

The most recent Bar Buddies night, held at the Sun Inn, was very well-attended. The next Bar Buddies event will be held on March 16th at Two Rivers Brewing in Easton.

Leeson confirmed that, in accordance with the discussion at the previous meeting, all NCBA bank accounts will be switched to Embassy Bank.

Leeson received a call from Keller Kline, our PBA Zone Governor, asking if there is any request to change the manner in which zone delegates and the zone governor are selected. The Board had no objection to continuing with the process already in place.

The Community Foundation Annual Report was passed around for review by Board Members.

Leeson noted that all NCBA members are still encouraged to sign up for committees.

Invitations to the Reception for the Court have been mailed. All are encouraged to attend.

The topic of cyber insurance was discussed at the Conference of County Bar Leaders. Leeson will obtain more information on this topic to determine if it is of interest to the Board.

V. PROGRAMS

Spitale reported that the program for the March 9, 2017 Quarterly Meeting will feature Victoria White of the PBA speaking about the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Ethic's Hotline. Spitalé will speak with Deputy Sheriff George Volpe about updating his presentation on gangs for the following meeting. Spitalé noted that she received an inquiry about interest in a presentation on medical marijuana.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Santanasto provided a report for the NCBA Charitable Foundation Committee. The Committee has discussed a draft grant form to be put together for applicants, and discussed the possibility of partnering with other groups for specific events. The Committee also prepared a proposed policy to be followed by the Committee. The proposed policy was distributed to the Board for review. Santanasto made a motion that the Board accept the proposed policy as written and Spitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Wilhelm commended Santanasto for his outstanding work with the foundation and all Board members added their appreciation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

O'Donnell presented the "Topic of the Month". He asked what could and should be done to make the NCBA more attractive to young lawyers. He asked whether the Board has a good understanding as to what young lawyers want from the NCBA. The Board agreed that action should be taken to improve communications with the young lawyers and build on the impressive turnout at YLD activities.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by O'Donnell. The motion was seconded by Holmes. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at The Widows, 200 Main Street, Stockertown, PA, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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