

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
July 20, 2017**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Louise Moore Park at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Michael P. Shay. No official action took place until 9:15 a.m., at which time a quorum was present. 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 June 7, 2017 were circulated for review. Lopiano-Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes and O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President Shay reported on the following matters:

Shay circulated correspondence received from Kelsey Gatchel, the high school student who was awarded the NCBA 2017 Mock Trial Scholarship. Ms. Gatchel expressed her appreciation and indicated that she plans to pursue a career in law.

Shay reported receiving correspondence from Judge Paula Roscioli, thanking the NCBA for an invitation to the Summer Outing and expressing regret that she was unable to attend.

Shay reported receiving correspondence from Senior Judge James C. Hogan, thanking the NCBA for an invitation to the Summer Outing and expressing regret that he was unable to attend.

Shay reported receiving correspondence from Judge Joseph F. Leeson, Jr. indicating that he, as well as Judge Edward Smith and Judge Henry Perkin, would be glad to hold an admission ceremony for NCBA Members to be admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, if there is interest. The Board agreed that Shay will raise this topic at the September Quarterly Meeting to gauge interest.

Shay reported receiving correspondence from Judge Joseph F. Leeson, Jr. indicating that the federal court is in need of attorneys to serve as arbitrators and mediators. Judge Leeson provided information on the procedure to apply for approval for each position. The Board agreed that this information will be shared with the Membership.

Shay reported that the Court has asked the NCBA for input concerning Local Rules to be enacted, in light of the Pennsylvania Courts Public Access Policy, which will become effective in January 2018. Two meetings have been held involving Judge Baratta and NCBA members to discuss the relevant issues. O'Donnell added that the Local Rules will address (1) the procedure to protect confidential information in court filings from being available to the public and (2) the procedure for e-filing.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Eyer presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. Eyer announced the total balance as of June 30, 2017 as follows: \$1,390,199.50. 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:

The NCBA accounts with BB&T Bank have been closed.

Letters will be sent to NCBA Members who have not yet paid their dues.

Leeson received an e-mail from the Pennsylvania Bar Association regarding the "Legislators on the Hill" Meeting. There was a suggestion that some Board Members would be interested in meeting with our legislators at a future meeting.

The Young Lawyers' Division's recent Holiday Hope Chest event was a huge success. Jordan Kinsey and her committee did an excellent job organizing the event and the guest bartenders (Judge Zito, Gary Asteak, Abe Kassis, and Theresa Hogan) drew a large crowd. A total of \$1,760 was raised.

The new NCBA photo directories will be distributed to Members this week.

V. PROGRAMS

Programs are planned as discussed at the June Board Meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Santanasto provided a report for the NCBA Charitable Foundation Committee. The Committee will partner with the Meals on Wheels organizations of both Lehigh and Northampton Counties to hold an event at Nicola Bulgari's vintage car venue at Union Boulevard in Allentown. The

Committee will contact Mr. Bulgari to suggest an event date of April 27, 2018, with a back-up date of May 4, 2018. This will be a casual dress event catered by Karen Hunter Catering.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Bylaws Amendment prepared by Harak, Lopiano-Reilly, and Kulik, concerning categories of NCBA membership. The Board discussed a minor revision to the proposed language. Lopiano-Reilly made a motion that the proposed Bylaws Amendment, with the minor revision discussed by the Board, be presented to the Membership at the September Quarterly Meeting. Santanasto seconded the motion. The Motion was approved unanimously, with McGuire abstaining.

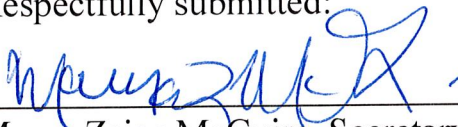
II. NEW BUSINESS

The 2018 Bench Bar Conference will be held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel & Spa in Saratoga Springs, on Columbus Day Weekend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Santanasto. The motion was seconded by Eyer. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maura Zajac McGuire, Secretary