

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
September 6, 2017**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Thursday, September 6, 2017, at Marblehead Chowder House at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:42 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:

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

Board Members:

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

Executive Director:

X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 20, 2017 were circulated for review. Lopiano-Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes and Spitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President Shay reported on the following matters:

Shay reported that he received an e-mail from Member James Sensor, who served as the NCBA's representative at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Young Lawyers' Summit. Sensor expressed his appreciation for this opportunity to represent the NCBA, meet other young lawyers, and share ideas. O'Donnell suggested that Sensor be invited to address the Membership at the September Quarterly Meeting and share the highlights of the Summit. The Board agreed.

Shay reported that he received an e-mail from Member Vicki Coyle in which she renewed the annual request of North Penn Legal Services for a donation by the NCBA. Shay indicated that he will ask Coyle to put her request in a letter to be submitted for consideration. It is anticipated that this will be received in time for the Board to make a recommendation at the November Association Meeting.

Shay reported that he received a letter from President Judge Baratta regarding 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. 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. Shay will ask President Judge Baratta if he would like this topic to be listed on the Agenda for the September Quarterly Association Meeting and if he would like his letter sent to all Members via e-mail.

Shay reported that he received a letter from Sharon Lopez, of the PBA President's Office. Ms. Lopez expressed appreciation for the NCBA's \$5,000 donation to the PBA Legislative Relations Department. Leeson reported receiving a similar letter from Barry Simpson, the PBA Executive Director.

Shay reported receiving a Note from Mrs. Lil Danyi expressing gratitude for the NCBA's donation in memory of Member Frank Danyi.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Eyer's absence, Lopiano-Reilly presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Board. Lopiano-Reilly announced the total balance as of August 31, 2017 as follows: \$1,368,348.87. 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 Summer Outing was again a success. Members reported having an enjoyable time and the weather was perfect.

The NCBA's night at the Iron Pigs game was sold out and was a great success. The Board congratulated Shay on throwing a strike in front of the crowd.

The Young Lawyers Division and some other Members enjoyed the Deep South Cooking Dinner Program at Northampton Community College. The participants are considering a future "Chopped" program, which would be a team competition.

The Young Lawyers Division is starting the Holiday Hope Chest Project. Information will be distributed soon.

The Bench Bar Conference is scheduled to be held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY. The Bench Bar Committee is trying to tie in the racing theme with possible CLE Programs.

The Memorial Service will be held on September 19th at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 1. Board Members are encouraged to attend.

The next Bar Buddies event will be on September 28th at the Easton Bayou. All are encouraged to attend.

The People's Law School at Northampton Community College starts next week. There are 22 students registered.

Leeson reported that she attended a retreat program presented by the Retreat Premiere Addiction Treatment Center. There are alarming statistics

concerning young professionals and especially young lawyers. It was suggested that all CLE packets contain contact information for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. Kulik suggested that this may be a good topic for a future program at a future Quarterly Association Meeting.

Leeson reported that she recently enjoyed serving as a judge for Lehigh Valley Hospital Network's Research Scholar program, a contest for college students.

V. PROGRAMS

Spitale reported that Northampton County Deputy Sheriff George Volpe is set to present his gang awareness program at the September Quarterly Meeting. A program addressing the legalization of medical marijuana is planned for the November Meeting. However, Member Josh Fulmer has proposed a program for the November meeting on the Pennsylvania Courts Public Access Policy, which will become effective in January 2018. The Board agreed that this program would be a great benefit to Members. The medical marijuana program could be an option for a meeting next year.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Santanasto provided a report for the NCBA Charitable Foundation Committee. The Committee had been planning an event at Nicola Bulgari's vintage car venue at Union Boulevard in Allentown for Spring 2018. That event will need to be considered for a date later in the year, as the venue will not review proposed events and commit to a date until January 2018. The Committee is seeking alternative suggestions for a Spring event.

The Board reviewed a list of Members who have not paid their NCBA dues. Individual Board Members agreed to call people on the list to ask if they wish to remain members.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Harak presented the Topic of the Month and discussed the ongoing efforts of the Building Committee to find a good opportunity to relocate the NCBA Office. One option discussed involves an arrangement with the Pomfret Club. This option raises many questions, which will be discussed at the Committee's next meeting on September 22nd. Another option is a property on Sullivan Trail, which could be modified to have a large open conference area. Other options include the Christmas Barn in Bethlehem Township and

an old bank building in Nazareth. The Building Committee will discuss these further at their next meeting. The Committee would welcome any other suggestions. Backenstoe agreed to present the Topic of the Month at the next meeting.

Shay presented the Nominations Committee Report. The proposed 2018 Slate of Officers & Board of Governors is as follows:

President:	Daniel M. O'Donnell
President-Elect:	Lisa M. Spitale
Vice-President:	Robert Eyer
Treasurer:	Maura Zajac McGuire
Secretary:	Paul J. Harak
Past President:	Michael P. Shay

New Board Members:

David M. Backenstoe
Jeremy F. Clark
Scott M. Wilhelm

Kulik, who chairs the Service to the Public Committee, reported on the progress of the new Book Buddies Program. The program is off to a great start, with Members volunteering to read to 2nd grade students in 11 classrooms in 3 Title I schools in the Easton School District. The Committee is also seeking donations to raise \$3,000, which would be used to purchase books for the students to take home. Kulik reported that she is expecting some donations towards this goal from individual Members and firms. Lopiano-Reilly made a motion that up to \$2,000 be taken from the funds allocated for community grants for the Book Buddies Program, if needed to reach the \$3,000 goal after the donations from individuals and firms are received. Spitale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

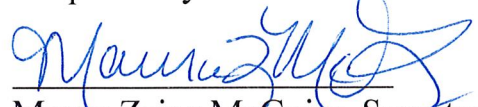
Spitale reported that she is seeking volunteers to participate in the annual Miracle League Trick-or-Treat night at the Iron Pigs, which will be held on October 21st. The theme this year will be "Harry Potter".

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Santanasto. The motion was seconded by O'Donnell. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the

next Board meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the River Grille.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maura Zajac McGuire", written over a horizontal line.

Maura Zajac McGuire, Secretary