

MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 2016

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on March 10, 2016, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016, was called to Order by the NCBA President, Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present at the time the meeting was called to Order. The following officers of the NCBA were present at the time the meeting was called to Order:

Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, President
Michael P. Shay, President-Elect
Daniel O'Donnell, Vice President
Lisa M. Spitale, Treasurer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 21, 2016, Annual Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Peter Buddock, Esquire, and was seconded by Member Ronald Shipman, Esquire. That 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: Catherine Theresa Barone, Esquire, Rosalyn A. Metzger, Esquire, Matthew G. Schnell, Esquire, and Gerald F. Strubinger, Jr., Esquire.

After introduction and indemnification of sponsors, a Motion was made by Member Gregory Reed Esquire and seconded by Member Michael Santanasto, Esquire, to admit the attorneys listed above into membership of the NCBA. That Motion was unanimously approved by the Members in attendance at the meeting and all proposed new members listed above were accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Reception for the Court will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016.
- B. The Bench Bar Conference is scheduled for October 6, 2016 – October 8, 2016. A discounted room block is available. Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and law firms.
- C. A bus trip to New York to see “On your Feet” on Broadway is scheduled for May 7, 2016. There are seats available.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. 2/1/16 correspondence from Kate Harper re: the proposal to increase the retirement age for judges. This proposal will appear as two (2) ballot questions in the April primary election.

VI. TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Spitale presented the Treasurer’s Report which was previously circulated for review by the Members in attendance. She announced the balance of each NCBA account, and announced the total balance of all accounts as of February 29, 2016, was the sum of \$1,363,583.95. The Treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Federal Rules Committee – Rebecca Kulik, Esquire, spoke to the membership re: ceremonial admissions for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which are scheduled for May 5, 2016.
- B. NCBA Foundation Planning – Michael Santanasto, Esquire, spoke to the membership re: the NCBA Foundation Planning. The committee is seeking at least seven (7) additional NCBA members to serve on the planning committee. The first meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Digitizing Historical NCBA Photos Project – A request was made for Members to provide the NCBA with any photos they may have, including historical photos of the NCBA and its members.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bar Buddies – A mentoring program named “bar buddies” has been created to give members an opportunity to meet with other members. This group will meet the third (3rd) Thursday of each month. The first meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2016, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Blue.

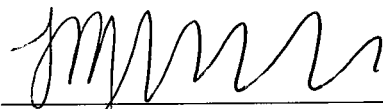
X. BARRISTER’S BOAST

- A. The NCBA received an award for the Easton Middle School Mediation program at the Conference of County Bar Leaders.
- B. Jill McComsey, Susan Wild, and Dorota Gasienica-Kozak were awarded the 2016 Lehigh Valley Women of Influence Award.
- C. The NCBA would like to thank Jeremy Clark for his cartooning contributions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Brian Lawser, Esquire, and was seconded by Member Sara Hogan, Esquire. That Motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



LISA M. SPITALE, TREASURER