

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
May 4, 2016**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at The Café, 221 West Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by President Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly. 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:

<u> X </u>	Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, President
<u> X </u>	Michael P. Shay, President-Elect
<u> X </u>	Daniel M. O'Donnell, Vice President
<u> X </u>	Lisa Spitale, Treasurer
<u> X </u>	Robert Eyer, Secretary
<u> X </u>	Abraham P. Kassis, Past President

Board Members:

<u> X </u>	David M. Backenstoe
<u> X </u>	Paul J. Harak
<u> X </u>	Rebecca Kulik
<u> X </u>	Maura Zajac McGuire
<u> X </u>	Steven B. Molder
<u> X </u>	Michael A. Santanasto
<u> X </u>	Scott Wilhelm

Executive Director:

<u> X </u>	Mary Beth Leeson
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I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held April 6, 2016, were circulated for review. Spitale made a motion to approve the minutes. Wilhelm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Harak and Santanasto abstaining.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

President Lopiano-Reilly reported on the following matters:

April 20, 2016, correspondence from the Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor Gaetan J. Alfano to Leeson requesting that the NCBA co-sponsor a resolution the Philadelphia Bar Association will present to the American Bar Association House of Delegates at the August meeting. The resolution asks the ABA to adhere to its statement of goals to assure meaningful access to justice for all persons by reaffirming its support of state and local bar association lawyer referral services. The resolution encourages state and local bar association sponsored lawyer referral services to adhere to the ABA Model Rules. The resolution also asks that before the ABA embarks on another venture along the lines of Rocket Lawyer, marketed as ABA Law Connect, that the proposal be fully vetted and approved by the ABA House of Delegates. No action was taken by the Board.

May 3, 2016, correspondence of Ralph W. Litzenberger, Esquire, requesting a suspension of membership. Backenstoe will contact Attorney Litzenberger prior to any further action.

April 28, 2016, correspondence from Hellertown Area Library Director Robin J. Rotherham thanking NCBA for the donation to the Hellertown Area Library in memory of Samuel Litzenberger, Esquire.

April 15, 2016, correspondence from City of Bethlehem Police Chief Mark Diluzio regarding donations to Bethlehem Police Department Junior Police Academy. No action was taken by the Board.

April 12, 2016, correspondence from PBA Community and Public Relations Committee regarding participation in the Fall 2016 Public Education Campaign “Understanding Expungement”. NCBA has participated in this type of public education program in the past and will participate in the latest public education campaign regarding expungement.

Correspondence reflecting that NCBA was a winner of 2016 Excellence in Education Award for the Conflict Resolution Program presented in the Easton Area School District.

President Lopiano-Reilly reported on communication received from member Lori Kreglow inquiring as to whether long term service in the NCBA should result in an elimination of any requirement to pay further dues. This inquiry was referred to the Bylaws Committee.

President Lopiano-Reilly reported on inquiry by member John Obrecht as to recent steps taken to convert courtroom attorney conference rooms to offices for stenographers. This concern will be taken to President Judge Baratta by President Lopiano-Reilly.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT

Spitale presented the Treasurer’s Report which was previously circulated for review by members of the Board. Spitale announced the total balance as of April 30, 2016 as follows: \$1,330,940.58. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and submitted for audit without amendment.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

It was reported that the lunch lecture regarding the Orphans’ Court is almost sold out.

It was reported that NCBA will purchase a Swivel robotic motion and tracking camera and sound system to permit recording of live CLE events at NCBA. This will permit NCBA to present these recorded CLE programs at a later time.

It was reported that the Unit County Meeting with PBA personnel was held in Harrisburg on April 13, 2016. The primary focus of the meeting was to the effect that the PBA is taking a proactive approach to preserve existing unit county status for unit counties in the wake of the Washington County Bar Association decision to terminate unit county status with the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

It was reported that the Past Presidents Dinner was held and was a well-attended success.

It was reported that Law Day was held and was successful.

The Bar Buddies most recent event at the Bayou in Bethlehem was held April 28, 2016, and was well-attended. Increased attendance by senior members of the Bar is encouraged. Bar Buddies is considering conducting its next event at the new Easton Public Market.

The PBA Zone II Delegate Meeting was held. Concern was expressed regarding the continued annual increase in PBA membership dues. Any further action was deferred to Zone II Delegates.

The Lawyer Conflict Resolution Program in Easton Area Schools received positive media attention.

The ceremonial admissions to the federal court will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Easton Courtroom of The Honorable Edward G. Smith of the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. There will be a brief reception in the federal courthouse following the ceremony. There will be an additional reception for all at the River Grille following the ceremony.

The Building Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Concerns were expressed regarding continued use of the lower level of the Association building for CLE. Urgency associated with taking action with regard to the building will be addressed at the planned meeting of the Building Committee.

The Quarterly Association Meeting will take place Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 12:00 noon with the annual program on Avoiding Legal Malpractice.

V. PROGRAMS

O'Donnell reported that planning for the November quarterly meeting program was underway and it was anticipated that the program would involve Attorney Dan Siegal regarding law firm technology. O'Donnell further reported of his contacts in developing a program regarding evidentiary use of social media and other electronic communications. O'Donnell reported on the continuing progress for programs being developed for the Bench Bar Conference.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Santanasto presented a draft of the Northampton County Bar Association Charitable Foundation Committee Bylaws. Shay made a motion to submit the Northampton County Bar Association Charitable Foundation Committee Bylaws to the membership for approval at the May 19, 2016, Quarterly Association Meeting with recommendation of the Board that the Northampton County Bar Association Charitable Foundation Committee Bylaws be approved. Harak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Lopiano-Reilly invited discussion regarding Barrister's Boast for the upcoming quarterly association meeting. It was determined that we include reference to the harness racing success of Judge Beltrami, success of the conflict resolution program, and the positive media attention received for NCBA support of North Penn Legal Services.

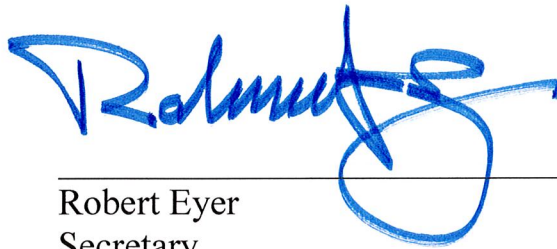
VII. NEW BUSINESS

Shay reported on his attendance at the ABA Leadership Institute in Chicago. Most particularly, Shay reported on the need for NCBA to make information technology as it relates to potential unauthorized practice of law a priority. Correspondence will be forwarded to the respective chairs of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and the Computer Committee to consider the prospect of merging the two committees to address information technology and the unauthorized practice of law.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wilhelm. The motion was seconded by Backenstoe. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 8:00a.m. at the Northampton County Bar Association office.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Eyer
Secretary