

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
October 5, 2016**

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at River Grille, Easton, Pennsylvania, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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
_____	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
_____	Scott Wilhelm

**Executive Director:**

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

Minutes of the previous meeting held September 7, 2016, were circulated for review. Kassis made a motion to approve the minutes. Harak seconded the motion. The motion passed with Kulik and Backenstoe abstaining.

## **II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

No report. No communications.

## **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 September 30, 2016, as follows: \$1,378,718.84. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and submitted for audit without amendment.

## **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

It was reported that the annual trip to the Iron Pigs game has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

It was reported that dates have been selected for the taking of the photographs for the NCBA photo directory. Photographs will be taken at the end of November. All information as to specific dates will be forwarded to the membership by email. Participation by all members was encouraged.

It was reported that North Penn Legal Services Raise a Glass to Justice fundraiser will take place on October 24, 2016, at Top Cut Steak House in Center Valley. A motion was made by Kassis to once again donate the sum of \$2,500.00 contingent upon anticipated future request of North Penn Legal Services. The motion was seconded by Molder. The motion passed.

It was reported that Donut Day will be held in the jury lounge on November 4, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. This date is also recognized as Love Your Lawyer Day. Attendance by all members was encouraged.

It was reported that there are plans underway to seek to schedule a luncheon with the Board of Governors, members of the Court, and students participating

in the mock trial competition with that luncheon anticipated to take place on a date after the competition in order to give the students an opportunity to interact with lawyers and the Court.

It was reported that all preparations are completed for the Bench Bar Conference and that participation is anticipated to be excellent.

## **V. PROGRAMS**

No report.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. NCBA Foundation Update.**

It was reported by President Lopiano-Reilly that the entire Foundation Committee has now been formed and no vacancies remain.

### **B. Lawyer meeting spaces in the courthouse, proposed letter to Judge Baratta.**

It was reported by President Lopiano-Reilly that correspondence was sent to President Judge Baratta requesting access to other available room on the first floor of the new courthouse as an interim solution to the situation involving occupied space that previously served as lawyer meeting space. No response has been received as of yet.

### **C. 2017 Budget**

A motion was made by Backenstoe to present the 2017 budget at the November Quarterly Meeting. The motion was seconded by Molder. The motion passed.

### **D. YLD Bylaws Approval**

In accordance with vote of the Board of Governors on September 7, 2016, to approve the YLD Bylaws provided that the Board had authority to do so, it was confirmed by Shay that such authority did lie with the Board and the YLD Bylaws are therefore approved.

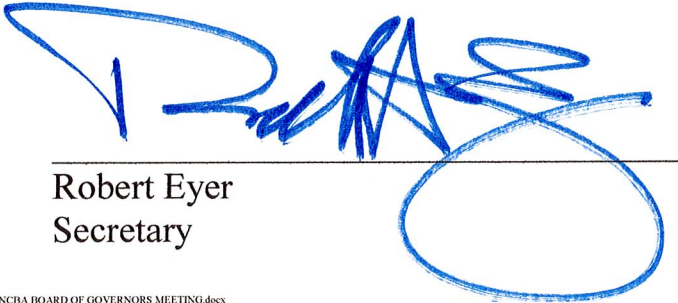
## VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Santanasto. The motion was seconded by Backenstoe. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at Kingfish American Bistro & Wine Bar, 3833 Freemansburg Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robert Eyer  
Secretary

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