

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, November 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, November 10, 2016, was called to order by President Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly at 6:09 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 meeting was called to order:

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

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15, 2016, Quarterly Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by member Philip M. Hof and was seconded by member Abraham P. Kassis. The 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:

Abigail Bellafatto (Sponsored by Ralph Bellafatto & Joel M. Scheer)
Erik J. Conrad (Sponsored by Douglas Tkacik & Mark Stanziola)
Carolyn Frisoli Furst (Sponsored by Bohdan Zelechiwsky & Gary N. Asteak)

Sara Moyer (Sponsored by Jordan Knisely & Matthew Alkon)
Brian Panella (Sponsored by Hon. Jack A. Panella & Steven N. Goudsouzian)
Douglas Panzer (Sponsored by Gretchen L. Geisser & Steven Boell)
Edward Penetar (Sponsored by Erika Farkas & Michael Thompson)
James L. Reich (Sponsored by Bohdan Zelechiwsky & Gary N. Asteak)
John W. Sweet (Sponsored by Victoria A. Coyle & Sheila J. Fisher)

After introduction of the proposed new members a motion was made by member John L. Obrecht and seconded by member Daniel E. Cohen to admit the attorneys listed into membership in the NCBA. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and all proposed new members listed were accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Photos for Directory – sign up with NCBA Office

Photographs for the new NCBA Directory are being scheduled. Members are urged to sign up with the NCBA office. Full participation is encouraged.

B. Ceremonial Admissions - Friday, December 2, 2016, 1:15 p.m.

Ceremonial Admissions to the Bar of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas will take place on Friday, December 2, 2016, at 1:15 p.m. Attendance by all membership is encouraged.

C. “The Verdict” Fundraiser – December 1, 2016

A benefit concert and fundraiser will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Club at 515 West Mauch Chunk Street in Nazareth with all door proceeds to benefit Bill Blake and his family in their fight against recent medical challenges. Admission at the door is \$25.00. Contributions are encouraged. Music will be by “The Verdict”.

D. Barrister's Boast

The Miracle League Trick-or-Treat Program was a success. The Northampton County Bar Association entry earned second place with a Star Wars theme. Credit goes to Lisa Spitale, Mike Vargo, Abe Kassis, Ricky Santee, and Judge Sletvold for their enthusiastic participation.

Congratulations were offered to Member Gretchen Geisser for her role as Chair of the Bench Bar Conference and further congratulations on her engagement.

Congratulations were extended to Member Kelly A. Lewis-Fallenstein on her acceptance of a position as Assistant United States Attorney.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Spitale presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. Treasurer Spitale announced the total balance of all accounts as of October 31, 2016 to be \$1,372,137.02. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Ricky Santee reported on activities relating to the Young Lawyer's Division participation in the Holiday Hope Chest Program. Donations are encouraged through November 16, 2016.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Veterans Program.

Member Victor Scomillio reported that the Bar Association in conjunction with Penn State Lehigh Valley will present a program entitled “Lehigh Valley Veterans: Their Story, The Challenges and How We Can Work Together” on Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus at 2809 Saucon Valley Road in Center Valley. Participation was encouraged.

B. NPLS Donation Request.

By correspondence of August 26, 2016, Victoria A. Coyle, Esquire, Executive Director of North Penn Legal Services requested donation in the amount of \$60,000.00. A motion was made by member Theresa Hogan to grant the request and donate in the amount of \$60,000.00. The motion was seconded by member Ronald Shipman. The motion passed.

C. 2017 NCBA Officers and New Board Members.

The slate of NCBA Officers and New Board Members was presented as follows:

NCBA Officers:

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

New Board Members:

Michael Santanasto
Jacqueline K. Holmes

Motion was made by member Abraham P. Kassis to approve. The motion was seconded by member Paul Harak. The motion passed unanimously.

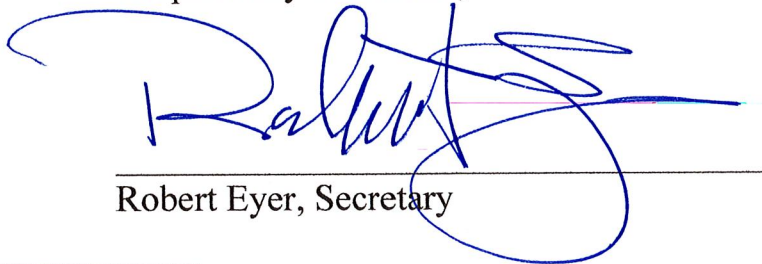
D. 2017 NCBA Budget.

The proposed budget was put before the full membership for consideration. A motion was made by member Allan Goodman to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by member Anthony Rybak. The motion passed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Steven Molder and seconded by member Anthony Rybak. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Eyer, Secretary