

**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Thursday, January 15, 2015**

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on January 15, 2015, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM**

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015, was called to Order by the NCBA President, Abraham Kassis at 6:05 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:

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

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 13, 2014, Quarterly Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member James L. Zulick, Esquire, and was seconded by Member Michael J. Vargo, 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: Matthew Alkon, Esquire, Syzane Arifaj, Esquire, Barbara Fitzgerald, Esquire, Kristen Jones, Esquire, Joseph C. Koerwitz, Esquire, William Rambo, Esquire, and Philip Viglione Esquire.

After introduction and indemnification of sponsors, a Motion was made by Member Gregory Reid, Esquire and seconded by Member Raymond DeRaymond, 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. Quarterly Association Meeting - Thursday, March 19, 2015.
- B. Reception for the Court – Friday, March 27, 2015
- C. The 2015 calendar for NCBA events was circulated to all Members in attendance.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no new correspondence.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer, Daniel M. O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Members in attendance. He announced the balance of each NCBA account, and announced the total balance of all accounts to December 31, 2014, is the sum of \$1,198,753.93. A Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Member Ronald Shipman inquired as to creation of a committee to investigate and report on the creation of an endowment. Vice-President Alyssa Lopiano Reilly reported as to the creation of a committee to invest funds and the membership's prior approval of an investment plan.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports. However, President Kassis reminded Members to submit their Committee Preference Forms to the NCBA as soon as possible.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**IX. RECOGNITION OF NORMAN SEIDEL, ESQUIRE AND JOHN W. RYBAK, ESQUIRE**

Member Robert A. Nitchkey, Esquire proposed a moment of silence in recognition of Norman Seidel, Esquire, and John W. Rybak, Esquire, recently deceased Members of the NCBA. This proposal was seconded by Samuel P. Murray, Esquire. The Members unanimously agreed and observed a moment of silence.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PBA Bar Leadership Institute Survey - Member Jeremy Clark, Esquire reported on a PBA initiative investigating whether civility is a problem in the legal profession and if so, how. This investigation will be conducted via survey which was distributed to the membership.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Anthony Rybak, Esquire, and was seconded by James Madsen, Esquire. That Motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 a.m.

Following the adjournment and dinner, the program entitled "Where We Come From: A History of the Court, Bench and Bar of Northampton County" was presented.

Respectfully submitted:



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LISA M. SPITALE, SECRETARY