

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
Thursday, March 19, 2015**

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on March 19, 2015, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The program "Legends of Our Bar and What We Can Learn From Them – Part 1" was presented prior to the meeting, as the calling hours for John Bartos were scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. This was done to allow members to pay their respects to Attorney Bartos.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2015, was called to Order by the NCBA President, Abraham Kassis at 6:01 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 January 15, 2015, Annual Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Linda Shay-Gardner, Esquire, and was seconded by Member Theresa Hogan, Esquire. That Motion was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following proposed new member appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA: David B. Schwartz, Esquire.

After introduction and indemnification of sponsors, a Motion was made by Member John Obrecht, Esquire and seconded by Member Gregory Reed, 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. Reception For the Court – Friday, March 27, 2015
- B. 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 February 28, 2015, is the sum of \$1,288,287.38. A Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Member Martin Cohen raised concerns regarding the sum of money in the aforementioned accounts. Member Cohen expressed a desire investigate investment options for these funds. Member Gregory Reed joined in this concern and, additionally, expressed a desire to donate more money to North Penn Legal Services. The Members were advised as to the funds currently invested with Morgan Stanley. They were also reminded that the Investment Policy was passed by the Membership in 2014. Members were invited to join the finance committee and/or attend finance committee meetings.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

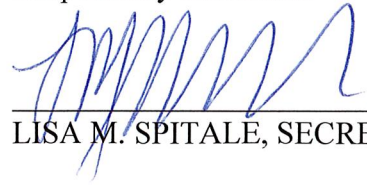
VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Member Michael Santanasto reported as to his research regarding the creation of a private foundation for charitable giving. He met with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation to discuss their acting as a conduit for charitable giving. A representative from the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation will be present of the May 16, 2015 meeting.
- B. Tax issue: Scott Wilhelm proposed establishing an ad hoc committee to address the issue of the proposed tax on professional services, including legal fees, included in Governor Wolf's budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Anthony Rybak, Esquire, and was seconded by Theresa Hogan, Esquire. That Motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Spitale', is written over a horizontal line.

LISA M. SPITALE, SECRETARY