

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
June 3, 2015**

The Board of Governors Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the Northampton County Bar Association Office in Easton, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. by President Kassis. An Agenda for the meeting was circulated to the Members of the Board of Governors prior to the meeting. Members of the Board in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers:

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

Board Members:

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| <u> X </u> | David M. Backenstoe |
| <u> </u> | Robert Eyer |
| <u> X </u> | Paul J. Harak |
| <u> X </u> | Maura Zajac McGuire |
| <u> X </u> | Michael A. Santanasto |
| <u> </u> | Karley Biggs Sebia |
| <u> </u> | Scott M. Wilhelm |

Executive Director:

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

Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 6, 2015, were circulated for review. The Minutes were accepted.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Kassis reported on the following matters:

- A. Correspondence from Judge Beltrami thanking the NCBA for the 45th annual Reception for the Court.
- B. May 4, 2015, correspondence from Amy R. Van Varick, Assistant Professor, Business Law/Paralegal Studies, Northampton Community College, thanking the NCBA for sponsorship and participation in the NCC Awards Convocation.
- C. May 27, 2015, correspondence from Judge Leeson thanking the NCBA for assistance and support of his investiture ceremony and reception.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Reid presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Members of the Board. He announced the total balance as follows: as of May 31, 2015: \$1,279,048.75. The report was accepted without amendment.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. The investiture and reception for Judge Leeson went well.
- B. The second check to North Penn Legal Services will be mailed in a week.
- C. The notice for the Summer Outing has been published in the Northampton County Reporter.
- D. There are tickets left for the July 2, 2015, Iron Pigs game.
- E. The new attorney directories have been mailed to NCBA members.
- F. Naturalization Court is scheduled for June 9, 2015, before Judge Koury.
- G. Judge Baratta will be meeting with Attorney Shaughnessy and the law clerks to discuss the availability of legal opinions for publication.
- H. The issue as to whether or not the NCBA may take action to evaluate Judge Giordano for election to the Pennsylvania Superior Court was discussed at length. Reid will draft a proposed amendment to the By-Laws permitting such an evaluation. It was decided that no action would be taken on evaluating Judge Beltrami or Judge Roscioli until the membership has the opportunity to vote on the aforementioned amendment. This issue will be discussed at the July BOG meeting.

V. PROGRAMS

Shay reported that the programs have been identified for both the September and November Quarterly meetings. These will be "Legends of the Bar Part 2" and "The History of Women in the NCBA".

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A CLE regarding the State Sales Tax and its effect on the legal practice will be held at the NCBA Offices on June 19, 2015.

B. The NCBA will participate in the annual breakfast with the legislators.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Long Range Planning Update: There will be a half day training on September 25, 2015, at a location to be determined to discuss long range planning issues.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Reid and was seconded by Harak. The MOTION was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board Meeting on July 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisa M. Spitale, Secretary