

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
July 16, 2015**

The Board of Governors Meeting was held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at Louse Moore Park in Easton, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 9:19 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:

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

Board Members:

<u> </u>	David M. Backenstoe
<u> X</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:

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

Minutes of the previous meeting held on June 3, 2015, were circulated for review. The Minutes were accepted.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Kassis reported on the following matters:

- A. July 2, 2015, letter from Christopher Nace, noting his inability to attend the Summer Outing.
- B. June 29, 2015, letter from Superior Court Judge Jack A. Panella, noting his inability to attend the Summer Outing, as he will be in Harrisburg for a meeting with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.
- C. June 25, 2015, letter from United States Court of Appeals Judge Franklin S. Van Antwerpen noting his inability to attend the Summer Outing.
- D. June 3, 2015, letter from Martin D. Cohen apologizing to the finance committee and the board for his comments at the April 29, 2015, Quarterly meeting related to the budget and financing policies.
- E. July 15, 2015, letter from Krstine M.L. Blake, Assistant District Attorney, requesting the Board of Governors waive the portion of her dues that compromise dues for membership to the Pennsylvania Bar Association, as she is not a private practitioner. The Board agreed to honor this request.
- F. July 10, 2015, email from Matthew Mecoli, Drexel University Kline School of Law JD Candidate 2017, 3rd Circuit Governor Law Student Division of the ABA, requesting we provide him notification of upcoming event to promote to the ABA. The Board took not action on this request.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Members of the Board. He announced the total balance as follows for June 30, 2015: \$1,271,983.32. The report was accepted without amendment.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. The Long Range Planning Committee will meet September 25, 2015, at the Bethlehem Township Community Center to discuss the NCBA long range planning goals. Invitations will be sent to the Board of Governors, Committee Chairs of committees which will likely be affected by the long range planning goals and past presidents.
- B. Judge Leeson's reception was successful and under-budget.

- C. The Northampton County Bar Association has begun working on the budget for the upcoming year.
- D. The NCBA Directory of Attorneys will now be mailed to the offices of the Magisterial District Judges.

V. PROGRAMS

Shay reported he has already identified subject matter and scheduled the programs for the remaining NCBA's 2015 Quarterly Association meetings.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Security Cameras: This issue was moved to the Agenda for the next Board of Governor's Meeting.
- B. Plebiscite and By-Laws: Judge Giordano has not yet provided the Board with a definitive direction he wishes to take regarding the proposed By-Laws change which would permit a plebiscite for Judges running for election for election to Superior Court or other higher Court. Accordingly, the Board will proceed forward with a plebiscite for Judge Beltrami and Judge Roscioli and will take no action with regard to Judge Giordano.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. On or about June 18, 2015, in letter correspondence, Rebecca J. Kulik, chair of the Federal Practice Committee of the Northampton County Bar Association, requested sponsorship for a CLE program and reception with the six Northern Tier Federal Judges, which is scheduled for September 10, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in Allentown, PA. Lopiano-Reilly made a Motion to approve a \$250.00 donation. O'Donnell seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved by the Board.
- B. Jill McComsey requested sponsorship for the Raise a Glass For Justice Event, which is to raise funds for North Penn Legal Service. Reid made a Motion to donate \$2,500. Spitale seconded. The Motion was approved by the Board.
- C. The Board agreed that donations to the Miracle League of Northampton County will be limited to our participation in the trick or treat event.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Reid and was seconded by Lopiano-Reilly. The MOTION was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at River Grille in Easton, PA.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisa M. Spitale, Secretary