

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
September 2, 2015**

The Board of Governors Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at River Grille in Easton, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.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>      </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>  X</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>  X</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 July 16, 2015, were circulated for review. The Minutes were accepted.

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Kassis reported on the following matters:

- A. July 27, 2015, correspondence from Alan L. Jennings, Executive Director of the CACLV requesting the Northampton County Bar Association provide financial support for the foreclosure mitigation program. Reid made a Motion to donate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to CACLV for the foreclosure diversion program. Santanasto seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.
- B. July 23, 2015, correspondence from the CIT Foundation, Inc. asking the Northampton County Bar Association for sponsorship for their upcoming Annual Craft Show. No action was taken 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 July 31, 2015: \$1,274,276.54. The report was accepted without amendment.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. The People's Law School will begin in two (2) weeks. There are currently twenty-one (21) people registered.
- B. The possibility of inviting non-member Magisterial District Judges to be members was discussed. The Board agreed to continue the practice of only attorneys permitted as members.
- C. Doris Lombardo retired in December 2014. She passed away in August 2015. Reid made a Motion to make a donation in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to an organization to be determined. Harak seconded. The Motion passed. Leeson will contact the Northampton County Sheriff to determine the appropriate organization.
- D. York County is hosting a program for those in need of legal services. They invite other Bar Associations to attend the program in case they would like to start a similar program. The Board took no action on this matter.
- E. The Summer Outing went well.
- F. The YLD fundraiser at the Bayou raised One Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$1,370.00) for the Holiday Hope Chest.
- G. The Raise a Glass to Justice event which occurred on August 6, 2015 went well.

- H. The Law Library Committee has started a book club. The first meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2015. The club will discuss "Go Set a Watchman" at this first meeting.
- I. The Federal Judges program scheduled for September 10, 2015, is sold out.
- J. A check will be mailed to North Penn Legal Services next week. This is the third installment check for the NCBA's total donation of \$60,000.00.
- K. The Memorial Service is scheduled for September 22, 2015. The following attorneys will be honored: Jack Bartos, David Miller, Norman Seidel and Jonathan Rybak.
- L. The Amicus Soiree will be held on October 23, 2015, at the Hotel Bethlehem.

**V. PROGRAMS**

Leeson reported that Shay has already identified subject matter and scheduled the programs for the NCBA's 2015 meetings.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Long Range Planning: Letters have been sent to those who have been selected to participate in the Long Range Planning Session. The areas to be discussed are:
  - 1. Member Benefits/Social Events/Website Development
  - 2. Building
  - 3. Finances/Plan for NCBA Assets.

Law Library improvements was identified as a potential topic. This topic may be referred to the Law Library Committee.

- B. Security Cameras. Leeson reported that the NCBA will not receive a reduction in insurance premiums if security cameras were installed on the building. Two proposals were obtained for such installation:
  - 1. ADT \$1,227 for 4 cameras; and
  - 2. Altronics \$3830 for cameras.

The Board decided not to pursue the installation of security cameras on the NCBA building at this time.

- C. Foundation Update. Santanasto reported that he last met with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation approximately two (2) months ago. The Foundation offered to come to a quarterly meeting to discuss the two (2) packages they suggested. Reid made a Motion to invite the LV Community Foundation to the November Quarterly meeting. Santanasto seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

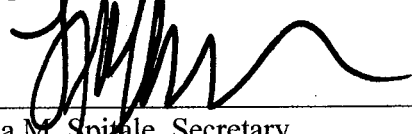
**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Kassis reported on the Nominating Committee Report.
- B. Kassis was contacted by Judge Panella regarding his desire to create a historical video focusing on the history of Northampton County. Funds will be needed for reproduction of the video. This matter will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Reid and was seconded by Eyer. The MOTION was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. The Board of Governors will convene again for the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted:



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Lisa M. Spitale, Secretary