

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

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

I. GUESTS

Northampton County Sheriff, David Dalrymple was in attendance and spoke to the Members about the upcoming upgrade to the security system at the Courthouse entrance. NCBA Members will have the opportunity to purchase electronic identification cards for a \$15.00 fee. Application for these cards will be distributed via email in the next week.

Bernie Story and Erika Petrozelli of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation were in attendance and spoke to the Members about the creation of a foundation which would permit Members to make tax deductible donations. Mr. Story and Ms. Petrozelli provided information regarding the type of funds which could potentially be created and answered questions from Members.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, was called to Order by the NCBA President, Abraham Kassis at 6:10 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 O'Donnell, Treasurer
Lisa M. Spitale, Secretary

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2015, Quarterly Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Gregory Reed, Esquire, and was seconded by Member Robert Nitchkey, Esquire. That Motion was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following proposed new Members appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA: Matthew B. Andersen, Esquire, David M. Ceraul, Esquire, Cameron C. Doman, Esquire, Kelly Fackenthall, Esquire, Jordan Knisley, Esquire, Michael Light, II, Esquire, Gary Saylor, II, Esquire and Rebecca A. Young, Esquire.

After introduction and indemnification of sponsors, a Motion was made by Member Robert Eyer Esquire and seconded by Member Michael Vargo, 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.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ceremonial Admissions to the Bar will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015, at 1:15 p.m.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

September 30, 2015, correspondence from Victoria A. Coyle, Esquire, Executive Director, North Penn Legal Services, requesting a donation in the amount of \$60,000.00. The correspondence detailed the manner in which prior NCBA donations to NPLS have been utilized.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer 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 October 31, 2015, was the sum of \$1,287,207.23. A Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Elect Lopiano-Reilly discussed the 2016 Bench Bar Conference and encouraged Members to attend.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Santanasto discussed the benefits of the creation of a Foundation. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the creation of such a foundation.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. ABA Rocket Lawyer Program: Kassis notified the Members of the actions taken to voice disapproval of this program.

B. NPLS Donation Request: Member Richard Santee, Esquire made a Motion to donate \$60,000 in 2016 to NPLS. Member Jonathan Huerta seconded the Motion. That Motion was approved by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

C. 2016 NCBA Officers and New Board Members: Kassis read the names of proposed officers and new Board Members for 2016:

President – Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly
President Elect – Michael Shay
Vice-President – Daniel O’Donnell
Treasurer – Lisa Spitale
Secretary – Robert Eyer
Past President – Abraham Kassis
New Board Members – Rebecca Kulik and Steven Molder

Ellen Kraft, Esquire made a Motion to approve the proposals. Samuel Murray, Esquire, seconded the Motion. That Motion was unanimously approved by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

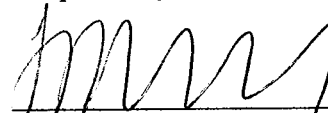
D. NBCA Budget. Lopiano-Reilly presented the 2016 NCBA Budget. Richard Santee, Jr. made a Motion to approve the 2016 Budget. Tyree Blair, Esquire seconded the Motion. That Motion was unanimously approved by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

E. Judge Giordano thanked the Members for their support in his campaign for Superior Court Judge.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Tony Rybak, Esquire, and was seconded by Member James Madsen, Esquire. That Motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



LISA M. SPITALE, SECRETARY