

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on May 8, 2014, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was called to Order by NCBA President Christopher M. Reid at 12:20 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:

Christopher M. Reid, President
Abraham P. Kassis, Vice President
Michael P. Shay, Treasurer
Daniel M. O'Donnell, Secretary

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 20, 2014, Quarterly Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Member Gary N. Asteak, and was seconded by Member David J. Ceraul. That MOTION was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following proposed new members appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA: Tyree A. Blair, Sr. and Tatum Wilson.

After introduction, and identification of sponsors, a MOTION was made by Member Keene Jabbour and seconded by Member Marvin O. Schwartz 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.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Iron Pigs Game at 6:00 p.m. on July 2, 2014 at Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

B. NCBA Summer Outing on July 17, 2014 at Louise-Moore Park.

C. NCBA 2014 Bench Bar Conference - October 24-26, 2014 at the Seaview Resort outside Atlantic City, New Jersey.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Pennsylvania Bar Association YLD indicating that the 2014 recipient of the Michael K. Smith Excellence in Service Award will be NCBA Member Michael A. Santanasto, and he will receive his award at the PBA's Annual meeting on May 15, 2014 at the Hershey Lodge at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Shay presented the Treasurer's Report which was previously circulated for review by the Members in attendance at the meeting. He announced the balance of each NCBA account, and announced the total balance of all accounts to April 30, 2014, is the sum of \$1,153,008.17. A MOTION was made by Member Joel M. Scheer and was seconded by Member Jill Kelly McComsey. The MOTION was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Member Paul J. Harak and Reid reported on the progress of investigating and discussing the Bechtel building, owned by Member Justin K. McCarthy, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, being a potential leasing opportunity to relocate the NCBA Office. Reid reported that an inspection was performed and a proposed partial second floor plan prepared by Nu Cor Management, Inc. was prepared and circulated to the Members for review. Reid will pursue discussions with McCarthy about the terms of a potential lease. Harak further clarified that the discussions are very preliminary, and pointed out that there seemed to be a prevailing interest in the Membership that the NCBA Office should remain in Easton, but obviously the Bechtel building is in Bethlehem. Harak also clarified and confirmed that this opportunity would be a lease, and not a purchase.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. On June 6, 2014, a ceremony and reception will be held for Edward J. Smith in recognition of his ascension to the Federal Court (the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania). The ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. at the Northampton County Courthouse and the cocktail reception will be

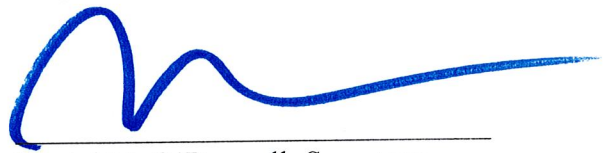
from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Musikfest Café at the Steel Stacks, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Reid reported on the amount of expenditures made by the NCBA on prior similar receptions, and indicated that there is a request made for the Membership to approve a budget for this ceremony for Judge Smith not to exceed \$15,000. A MOTION was made by Member Gregory R. Reed and was seconded by Member Ellen S. Kingsley to approve as an amendment to the NCBA 2014 budget with the addition of a line item of up to \$15,000 for the ceremony for Judge Smith. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

- B. Reid also advised Members of pending legislation before the Pennsylvania State Senate Finance Committee, which proposes the application of sales tax to attorney services. He reported that it is gaining support, unlike previous attempts to pass such legislation, and is being heavily supported and pushed by the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors. Because this is a potentially significant and adverse piece of legislation for the NCBA Members, Reid reported that the Board of Governors approved Reid sending a letter to State Senator Lisa Boscola in opposition to the legislation. Reid further encouraged Members to write their own letters.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Douglas J. Tkacik, and was seconded by Member Ian T. Baxter. That MOTION was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel M. O'Donnell, Secretary