

**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
Thursday, November 13, 2014**

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on November 13, 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 6:05 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, President Elect  
Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, 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 September 18, 2014, Quarterly Association Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Member John T. Hand, and was seconded by Member John L. Obrecht. That MOTION was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

There were no new Members present.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Ceremonial Admissions will be held December 5, 2014, at 1:15 p.m. at the Courthouse.
- B. Donut Day will be held November 14, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.
- C. The NCBA Young Lawyers Division recently received two awards for its services in the community, the Chairman's Award from the Miracle League and the Spirit of Volunteerism Award from the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley.

D. A copy of the Calendar of NCBA events through the end of the year was circulated to each Member.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**VI. 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 through October 31, 2014, is the sum of \$1,201,459.37. A MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Member Keene Jabbour and was seconded by Member Theresa Hogan. The MOTION was approved unanimously by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

YLD – Members Richard E. Santee and Theresa Hogan offered information regarding an opportunity for Members to participate in the Easton Middle School Conflict Resolution Program. Following questions and discussion by the Members, Member Santee made a MOTION, which was seconded by Member Joshua D. Fulmer, that the Board of Governors form a committee to look further into the opportunity, costs, CLE credits available, and other relevant issues, in order to make a recommendation to the Board whether and how to participate in the program. The MOTION was approved unanimously.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. NCBA Bylaws Update – President Reid presented a proposed amendment from the Board of Governors to the NCBA bylaws, whereby requests for charitable contributions from the NCBA would need to be presented to the Board of Governors for recommendation before the proposals can be made to the general Membership. Prior to the Quarterly Meeting, copies of the proposed amendment were circulated to all Members by mail. Following questions and discussions on the subject, a MOTION was made by Treasurer Michael P. Shay, and seconded by Member Louis S. Minotti, to adopt the proposed amendment to the NCBA bylaws. The MOTION was approved by more than the requisite two-thirds (2/3) vote necessary for an amendment to the bylaws.

- B. NPLS Donation Request – President Reid presented a letter of October 8, 2014, to the NCBA from North Penn Legal Services requesting that the NCBA again make a donation in the amount of \$60,000.00 to fund a position for an attorney in their office to perform work within the courts of Northampton County. The Board of Governors recommended the donation as requested. A MOTION was made by Member Daniel E. Cohen and was seconded by Kerry S. Freidl, to provide the donation as requested. The MOTION was approved unanimously.
- C. 2015 NCBA Officers and New Board Members – President Reid presented the proposed panel of 2015 NCBA Officers and Board Members. A copy of the proposed panel was circulated in writing to all Members by mail prior to the Quarterly Meeting. A MOTION was made by Member Philip M. Hof and was seconded by Member Ellen C. Schurdak, to approve the proposed panel of Officers and Board Members as circulated. The MOTION was approved unanimously.
- D. Charity Event – Member Jeremy F. Clark announced that he will be fighting in a kickboxing tournament on November 22, 2014. For each ticket he sells, a portion of the price will be donated to the Project Easton Food Bank.
- E. Member Victor E. Scomillio congratulated and thanked President Reid for his services as President to the NCBA this year, and asked that the record reflect the NCBA Members' appreciation for his outstanding service.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Michael J. Thompson, and was seconded by Member Paul J. Harak. That MOTION was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Daniel M. O'Donnell, Secretary