

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
January 17, 2013**

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at the Best Western, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Annual Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was called to Order at 6:10 p.m. by President Stanley J. Margle, III. A quorum was present when the meeting was called to order. The following officers of the NCBA were present at the time the meeting was called to order:

Stanley J. Margle, III, President
Abraham P. Kassis, Vice President
Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Treasurer
Michael P. Shay, Secretary
Victor E. Scmillio, Past President

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the final Quarterly Association Meeting for 2012 were distributed and reviewed. A MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Richard E. Santee, Jr. That MOTION was seconded by Ronald W. Shipman. The MOTION was approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

An application to the NCBA was presented on behalf Rory Driscoll, who was sponsored by member Timothy J. Prendergast, Esq. A MOTION to approve Rory Driscoll as a member of the NCBA was made by John L. Obrecht, Esq. That MOTION was seconded by member Gregory R. Reed, Esq. The MOTION was approved by the membership of the NCBA in attendance at the meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Reception for the Court

The 43rd Annual Reception for the Court will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northampton Country Club. Prior to the Reception for the Court at 6:30 p.m., there will be a pre-reception gathering for the Young Lawyers' Division.

B. Calendar

The 2013 calendar of events for the Northampton County Bar Association was available for review by the Members.

C. Superior Court Session at the Northampton Community College

It was announced that the Superior Court will be sitting for two sessions at the Northampton Community College on February 26, 2013, and February 27, 2013, for Superior Court arguments. There is an indication that there will be television coverage for the session.

D. Retention Plebiscite

It was announced that the NCBA would be implementing a procedure, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Northampton County Bar Association, to conduct a referendum on the retention of the Honorable Emil A. Giordano, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, and the Honorable Jack A. Panella, Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Both Judges are up for retention this year. Secret ballots will be distributed to the members of the NCBA. The ballots will be accompanied by instructions concerning the procedures for submission of the secret ballot, and the date by which the ballot must be received. President Margle asked for participation by the members of the NCBA. The results will be distributed to the members of the NCBA, and to the Judges subject to retention.

E. Black Heritage Month

An announcement was made concerning a request by Judge Jack Panella of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for the NCBA to participate in a program conducted by the Girls/Boys Club of Easton, for Black Heritage month. The Board of Governors at a

meeting held on January 9, 2013, approved a donation of \$500.00 for an acknowledgment ad in a program for the Black Heritage Month program.

F. Committee Preference Forms

President Margle noted that forms for committee assignment preferences have been circulated among the members of the NCBA. President Margle also announced his request that each NCBA committee conduct at least one meeting during the course of the year.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly presented the Treasurer's Report for review and approval by the members of the NCBA. Treasurer, Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly announced the balances in the various NCBA accounts. Following review and the presentation of the Treasurer's Report, a MOTION was made by member Donald M. Swan, Jr., Esq. to approve the Treasurer's Report. That MOTION was seconded by member Augustine C. Concilio, Esq. The MOTION was approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A report was made concerning the long range planning committee by member Paul J. Harak, Esq. It was reported that proposals and options were given to the NCBA by Steve Glickman with regard to the NCBA Building facility. Option A. proposed an expansion of the existing building, and the CLE area in the existing building. A MOTION was made by past president Victor E. Scmillio, Esq., to authorize the NCBA to spend up to \$12,000.00 to pursue the Glickman proposal and Option A. That MOTION was properly seconded, and approved by the membership in attendance at the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. YLD Plaque

A plaque was displayed which was presented to the Young Lawyers' Division of the Northampton County Bar Association. That plaque recognized the NCBA and the Young Lawyers' Division as a someone special volunteer for the Volunteer Center's 2012 Holiday Hope Chest Program.

B. Superior Court Session

During new business there was a reference again to the announcement concerning the Superior Court session at the end of February 2013 at the Northampton Community College.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made a 6:23 p.m. There were multiple movers, and multiple seconders, for the MOTION to adjourn. The MOTION to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The next meeting of the NCBA will be a quarterly association meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2013 which will begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. The business meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. It will take place at the Best Western, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The speaker will be the Honorable Edward G. Smith who will present a program on due process of law in a war zone.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael P. Shay, Secretary