

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
March 14, 2013**

A Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, March 14, 2013, at the Best Western Conference Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013, was called to Order by NCBA President Stanley J. Margle, III at 5:42 p.m. 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. Kassiss, Vice President
Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Treasurer
Michael P. Shay, Secretary

After calling the meeting to order, President Margle welcomed and acknowledged the Judges who were in attendance at the meeting. The Honorable Robert A. Freedberg was present. The Northampton County Court of Common Pleas Judges in attendance at the meeting included President Judge McFadden, Judge Baratta, Judge Giordano, Judge Smith, and Judge Koury. Also in attendance at the meeting was the Honorable Jacqueline M. Taschner, Magisterial District Judge.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the NCBA Annual Meeting held on January 17, 2013 were distributed and reviewed. A MOTION to approve the minutes was made by Michael C. Deschler, Esquire. That MOTION was seconded by Matthew J. Deschler, Esquire. The MOTION was approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

An application to the NCBA was presented on behalf Jacqueline K. Holmes, Esquire who was sponsored by Holly Frompovicz, Esq. and Stephanie Spencer, Esquire. Also, an application for membership in the NCBA was presented by sponsors Leah M. Finlayson, Esquire, and Victoria A. Coyle, Esquire, on behalf of Joshua E. May,

Esquire. A MOTION to accept the applications for membership was made by member Ronald W. Shipman, Esquire, and was seconded by member John L. Obrecht, Esq. The MOTION was approved, and Attorneys Jacqueline K. Holmes and Joshua E. May, who were present at the meeting, were welcomed as new members of the NCBA.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Reception for the Court

The upcoming Reception for the Court scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2013 was again brought to the attention of the members of the Association. At that point, it was indicated that there was a good response for attendance. Members were encouraged to reach out to other members to encourage attendance.

B. Calendar

The calendar for upcoming NCBA events including CLE programs was distributed on the back of the printed agenda for the meeting. Included in the calendar of events for March, April, May, and July, is the NCBA Iron Pigs baseball event.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at the meeting for review.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly reviewed the printed Treasurer's Report and noted the balances as of February 28, 2013. Member Linda Shay Gardner, Esquire made a MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report. That MOTION was seconded by member Ronald W. Shipman, Esquire. The MOTION unanimously passed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NCBA Member Nicholas Noel, III, Esquire, presented a report on behalf of the CLE Committee. It was noted that plans for CLE lectures were to be submitted by the various committee chairpersons.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Federal Court Resolution

A resolution for the Federal Court judge vacancy for the Eastern District was reviewed. The resolution had been previously approved by the Board of Governors.

The resolution called for the President, and our two Senators from Pennsylvania, to appoint a Northampton County attorney to fill a vacancy for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A MOTION was made by Member Gregory R. Reed, Esquire to adopt the resolution, and to submit a letter from the President of the NCBA requesting the appointment of a Northampton County attorney for the Federal Court Judge vacancy. That MOTION was seconded by Member Gary Neil Asteak, Enquire. The MOTION passed.

B. Superior Court Visit Review

President Stanley J. Margle, III gave a report concerning the Superior Court session at the Northampton Community College in February, and the dinner that was held for the Superior Court Judges in attendance at the session. President Margle suggested that we attempt to have a Superior Court session on a regular basis, either annually, or every other year, here in Northampton County.

C. Plebiscite Results

President Stanley J. Margle, III gave a report concerning the results of the retention Plebiscite of the members of the NCBA. The Honorable Emil A. Giordano, received 191 yes votes, out of a total response of 214 votes, for his retention as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County Pennsylvania. It was noted that Judge Giordano thanked the NCBA for its support.

The Plebiscite also addressed the retention of the Honorable Jack A. Panella as a Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Out of a total of 214 votes cast, Judge Panella received 186 votes for retention.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Revision- 2012 Audit

There was discussion concerning a budget revision to have an audit of the 2012 financial records of the NCBA. The Association had received a quote of \$3,000.00 for preparing the audit. It was noted that the Board of Governors had recommended approval of a budget revision for the cost of the audit. Member Joel M. Scheer made a MOTION to revise the budget to authorize payment for an audit of the 2012 NCBA financial records. That MOTION was seconded by Member Augustine C. Concilio, Esquire. The MOTION passed.

B. CLE Program Change

A CLE Program change for May 3, 2013, "Domestic Violence Laws and Ethical Consideration in PA and NJ" was noted.

C. North Penn Legal Services Announcement

Member Victoria A. Coyle, Esquire of North Penn Legal Services, asked to address the Members at the meeting to give a report concerning the use of the grant and donation made by the NCBA to North Penn Legal Services. Attorney Coyle noted that new admittee Joshua E. May, Esquire, had been hired by North Penn Legal Services with the donation and grant from the NCBA. Attorney Coyle indicated that she will be reporting regularly to the NCBA on Attorney May's activities.

X. PROGRAM


The program to be presented at the Quarterly Association Meeting on March 14, 2013 was "Due Process of Law in a War Zone" presented by the Honorable Edward G. Smith.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Member John L. Obrecht, Esquire. A second to that MOTION was made by Member Michael C. Deschler, Esquire. The MOTION to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The next quarterly association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Best Western Conference Center. The Malpractice Avoidance Seminar will be presented at that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael P. Shay, Secretary