

**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
September 19, 2013**

A Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on September 19, 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, September 19, 2013, was called to Order by NCBA President Stanley J. Margle, III at 6:06 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. Kassis, 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, including President Judge Stephen G. Baratta, Judge Edward G. Smith, Judge Anthony S. Beltrami, and the Honorable Robert A. Freedberg.

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 16, 2013 NCBA Quarterly Meeting were distributed and reviewed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Joel M. Scheer, Esq. That MOTION was seconded by Member Raymond J. DeRaymond, Esq. The MOTION was approved by the Members in attendance at the meeting.

**III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

The following proposed New Members appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA: Ian T. Baxter, Esq., Kelly Jac Collins, Esq., Kendahl DiFelice, Esq., Leo Howell, Esq., Amanda L. Kurecian, Esq., Theodore J. Schick, Esq., Brian T. Taylor, Esq., Mark S. Guralnick, Esq., and Terrance W. Annese, Esq.

After introduction, a MOTION was made by Member Ronald W. Shipman, Esq. to admit the attorneys listed above into membership of the NCBA. That MOTION was seconded by Member Richard E. Santee, Jr., Esq. The MOTION was unanimously approved and all proposed new members listed above were accepted into membership of the NCBA .

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **A. The Annual Memorial Service.**

The Annual Memorial Service will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 in Courtroom No. 1 of the Northampton County Courthouse. Honorable Isaac S. Garb, Mark S. Refowich, Esq., and Jay A. Scherline, Esq. will be honored and memorialized.

##### **B. Amicus Soirée**

The Amicus Soirée has been scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2013, at the Riverview Country Club., in Easton, Pennsylvania.

##### **C. Calendar**

The 2013 calendar for the NCBA for the remainder of the year was listed on the reverse side of the agenda which was circulated at the meeting.

#### **V. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report at the meeting.

#### **VI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer, Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Esq. reviewed the printed Treasurer's Report which was available for review at the meeting. The balances in the NCBA accounts through August 31, 2013 were noted. The total deposits in all accounts is \$1,030,510.54.

Member Michael C. Deschler, Esq. made a MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report. That MOTION was seconded by Richard E. Santee, Jr., Esq. The MOTION was approved by the membership in attendance at the meeting.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Member Michael A. Santanasto, Esq., gave a report concerning the Holiday Hope Chest Project. The purpose of the project is to collect donations for gifts for children through the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Nominations Report**

A report was given concerning nominations for vacancies on the Board of Governors for 2014. The following members of the NCBA have been proposed for the following positions:

Daniel M. O'Donnell, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Governors  
Maura Zajac McGuire, Esq., Member of the Board of Governors  
Michael A. Santanasto, Esq., Young Lawyer Member of the Board of Governors

The following current officers on the NCBA Board of Governors were proposed to be nominated for the following offices in 2014:

Christopher M. Reid, Esq., President  
Abraham P. Kassis, Esq., President Elect  
Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Esq., Vice President  
Michael P. Shay, Esq., Treasurer  
Stanley J. Margle, III, Esq., Past President

The election for the new members and officers of the Board of Governors will occur at the November Quarterly Meeting, November 14, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

### **B. Miracle League Report**

The NCBA team beat the Express Times team by a score of 8 to 5. Because of the efforts of the NCBA, in excess of \$5,000.00 was raised for the Miracle League of Northampton County.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Regina Mugavero Retirement**

The NCBA recognized the service of Regina Mugavero in the Court Administrator's Office and her recent retirement. Regina Mugavero was complimented on her years of service and assistance to Members of the Bar Association. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Governors, a Visa gift card was presented to Regina Mugavero.

## **B. Stanley M. Vasiliadis-PBA's Excellence in Elder Law Award**

Board Member Stanley M. Vasiliadis was recognized at the meeting for his receipt from the PBA of the Excellence in Elder Law Award. That Award recognized his superior professional efforts in the field of elder law. The NCBA offered its congratulations to Attorney Vasiliadis for this statewide Award.

## **C. NCBA Investment Policy**

Treasurer Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Esq. presented for consideration and approval the proposed Northampton County Bar Association Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to become effective January 1, 2014. There was discussion about the policy, and questions from Members of the NCBA in attendance at the meeting.

Following the discussion, Member Ellen M. Kraft, Esq., made a MOTION, to accept the Proposed Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to become effective January 1, 2014. That MOTION was seconded by Member Richard E. Santee, Jr., Esq.

Upon consideration of the MOTION, a question was raised whether items 5 through 8 inclusive under Section E "Investment Guidelines", "Fixed Income" should be included in the "Equities" Section, rather than the "Fixed Income" Section of the "Investment Guidelines".

A MOTION to amend the original MOTION to include the following in Equities rather than Fixed Income:

5. Asset-Backed Securities Rated: "AAA" at time of purchase
6. Mortgage-Backed Securities Rated: "AAA" at time of purchase
7. Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs) Rated: "AAA" at time of purchase; and
8. Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities Rated: "AAA" at time of purchase

was made by Member Ellen M. Kraft, Esq. That MOTION was seconded by Member Scott M. Wilhelm, Esq. The MOTION to Amend was approved by a majority of the Members at the meeting.

The MOTION to approve and adopt the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to become effective January 1, 2014 as amended, was unanimously approved.

**D. Forrest N. Myers, Esquire, PBA President**

Current PBA President Forrest N. Myers appeared and spoke at the meeting. He discussed support for the PBA PAC.

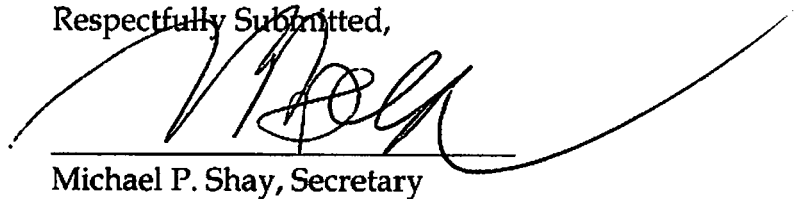
President Myers also thanked the Members of the NCBA for being an important part of the PBA. He said that his focus as president of the PBA is to make the practice of law more rewarding, not just financially, but professionally as well.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION to adjourn was made by multiple Members, and was seconded by multiple Members. The MOTION to adjourn was approved, and the business portion of the meeting concluded at 6:38 p.m.

Following dinner, the Program entitled "Beware the 'Silent Killers' in your Practice" was presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Shay", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael P. Shay, Secretary