

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
January 19, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association, held at the Best Western Conference Center in Bethlehem, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio, at 6:15 PM.

**II. QUORUM.**

A quorum was established. The following officers were present:

Victor E. Scomillio, President  
Stanley J. Margle, III, President Elect  
Christopher M. Reid, Vice-President  
Abraham P. Kassis, Treasurer  
Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary  
Kerry Scott Freidl, Past President

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made for the approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2011 Quarterly Association Meeting, which were made available to the membership for review. The Motion was made by Samuel Murray to approve the minutes and seconded by Scott Wilhelm. Said Minutes were approved.

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Upon motion made by Barbara Hollenbach and seconded by Michael Deschler, the following new members were admitted to the Association unanimously:

Michael Alpago (sponsored by the Honorable Stephen G. Baratta and Alexander O. Ward)  
Robert G. Vidoni (sponsored by Ewalde M. Cook and Kimberly A. Spots Kimmel)

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Scomillio made the following announcements:

A. President Scomillio reminded the membership that the Reception for the Court will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012. He encouraged all members to attend.

B. Members were reminded to save the date for the Bench Bar Conference scheduled for October 12 and October 13, 2012 in Philadelphia. All members were encouraged to attend.

C. Members were encouraged to review the calendar provided to them on the back of the agenda. If members have any questions, additions or corrections, they should advise Executive Director, Mary Beth Leeson.

D. President Scomillio announced that we have a new employee at the Northampton County Bar Association. Specifically, Patti Gober, who is replacing Stephanie Pasquel, who recently retired after many years of service to our Association.

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

The Treasurer, Abraham Kassis, presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Gregory Reed to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and seconded by Phil Hof. The Association unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports were forthcoming from any committees.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None. There was no old business discussed at the meeting.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

-Lori Malloy, of North Penn Legal Services, discussed the Modest Means Program, which is a Lehigh County Bar Association Program in its second year. She was careful to point out that this Program is not pro bono work. Rather, it is a Program based upon other programs around the country geared to people who fall above the legal services income levels (125% of poverty level or approximately \$1,100 per month for an individual; \$2,200 per month for a family of four). This service is also for people who need assistance in matters not handled by North Penn Legal Services including, but not limited to, child support, uncontested divorces, protection from abuse matters, Chapter 7 bankruptcies, collection matters, and simple estate planning/living wills, powers of attorney. Lehigh County uses a flat fee structure that they developed and that flat fee structure was made available to the membership for review.

-Ronald Shipman raised a comment concerning the Treasurer's Report. He indicated his concern that the Bar Association is holding over \$800,000 in cash assets. President Scomillio explained that the Long-range Planning Committee is working with three issues: (1) the potential need for a new facility/building; (2) the need for new

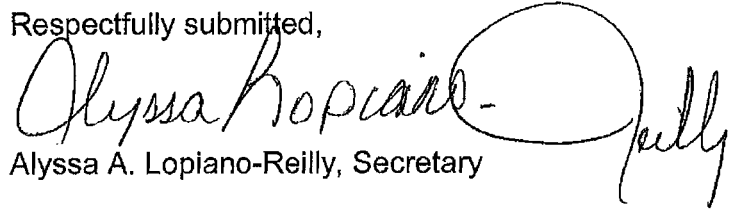
income streams, particularly if we lose the income generated by the Northampton County Reporter; and (3) increasing member involvement.

-Ronald Shipman raised a challenge to action to the Bar Association to consider a more substantial monetary donation to North Penn Legal Services considering the recent cuts to their funding.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Raymond DeRaymond, and seconded by John Morganelli, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary