

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
March 7, 2012**

The meeting, held at the Northampton County Bar Association building in Easton, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio at 5:40 PM.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

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

Board Members

 X Lisa M. Spitale
 X Michael P. Shay
 X Joseph Yanuzzi
 X Thomas L. Walters
 X Jessica Frisch Moyer
 X Robert M. Donchez
 X Matthew C. Potts

Executive Director

 X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Abe Kassis to approve the Minutes from the February 1, 2012 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Kerry Freidl and unanimously voted upon by the Board.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board was advised of the following correspondence that was received since the last meeting:

-A thank you note from Judge Roscioli for the Bar Association's contribution in memory of her father.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Abe Kassis gave the Treasurer's Report to the Board. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted was made by Jessica Moyer and seconded by Joe Yannuzzi. The report was approved unanimously by the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following:

-Confirmation that the CCBL Conference was held in February in Lancaster and attended by Mary Beth and Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly. The Bar Association accepted the award for our Holiday Hope Chest and Anti-Bullying Programs. An article concerning the award to our Bar Association may be found online at [Express-Times](#).

-The classroom in the basement of the building is finished except for minor issues (carpet on the stairs, minor paint touch-ups, and installation of materials for the wireless capability).

-A reminder that the Annual Reception for the Court is scheduled to be held on March 30, 2012. Martin Cohen, Esquire, continues to assist in attempting to increase attendance at the event. He will start telephone calls to encourage attendance this week. A limited cocktail half-hour will be held from 6-6:30 PM for attendance by young lawyers, common pleas judges, minor judiciary, and the Board of Governors. Additionally, the Judges plan to have a receiving line once members of the bar begin arriving. Mary Beth reports that, historically, we have had approximately 150 members attend this event. All Board members are strongly encouraged to attend.

-The Miller Keystone Blood Bank has requested that we hold a blood drive. The Board supports a blood drive at the courthouse and discussion was held that perhaps a Friday Miscellaneous Court would get the most attendance at the blood drive.

-The NCBA Board of Governors retreat with Jennifer Lewis from the ABA (to discuss long-range planning) will be held from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM on Friday, March 29, 2012 at the Sayre Mansion in Bethlehem.

-We received 167 responses to our Long-Range Planning Survey. The gift certificates were awarded to Susan Hutnick, Jeff Greenwald, Chuck Bruno, and Barbara Baldo.

-The Young Lawyers Division is hosting Happy Hour one time each month and the Board is encouraged to attend. Look in the Reporter for the upcoming YLD-sponsored Liquor Law CLE and Weyerbacher Tour, following the CLE.

-Reminder that the Bar Association is going to Broadway to see Harvy on June 9, 2012. Eighteen tickets have been sold thus far; twenty-two tickets remain.

V. PROGRAMS

-A discussion was held concerning a change for the Quarterly Meeting in March. Vicki Coyle, Esquire, will now speak on pro bono ethics (1 ethics credit).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

-No Old Business was reviewed by the Board.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

-Thank you to Mary Beth and her staff for overseeing the basement improvements.

-Discussion was held concerning the Pennsylvania Bar Association's expansion of its definition for membership to include minor judiciary, law firm managers, and other individuals, even if they are not lawyers. A motion was made by Stan Margle and seconded by Kerry Freidl to ask the By-Laws Committee to investigate the inclusion of magisterial justices for membership in our Bar Association. After discussion and vote, the motion failed for lack of support.

-North Penn Legal Services has requested that the Board sponsor its April 26, 2012 Fair Housing Summit. The Summit will be held in Allentown and North Penn is seeking a \$500 sponsorship. Discussion was held concerning the fact that North Penn recently became a CLE provider and also concerning our 2011 donations to North Penn (\$2,500). A motion was made by Tom Walters and seconded by Michael Shay to make

the requested \$500 contribution to North Penn for their Fair Housing Summit. After further discussion and vote, the motion failed for lack of support.

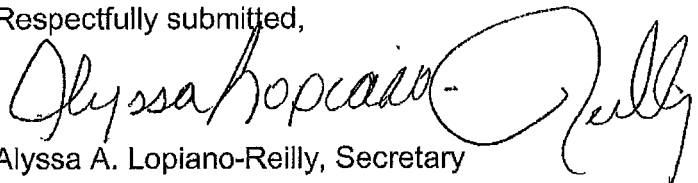
-Kerry Freidl reported that the Diversity Task Force of the House of Delegates has suggested 2 By-Law Amendments involving term limits. Specifically, the By-Law Amendments suggest a maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms for members of the House of Delegates and no reappointment of said delegates until a 3-year wait has occurred between appointments. The second amendment proposes that no zone governor may serve more than one term as governor and that no county may have consecutive zone governors. Attorney Freidl asked the Board whether we had any strong feelings concerning these amendments. The Board was in favor of both term-limit amendments and Attorney Freidl will report the Board's position accordingly.

-The Philadelphia Bar Association has sent out an Action Alert concerning House Bill 934. This Bill requires some form of identification in order to vote. The Philadelphia Bar Association is requesting the support of other bar associations in opposing this Bill. After discussion, the Board decided that, because this is a political issue in which members of our bar association feel differently, we will decline to take a position.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Robert Donchez and seconded by Stan Margle, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary