

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
March 22, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Quarterly 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 6:10 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 January 19, 2012 Annual Association Meeting, which were made available to the membership for review. The Motion was made by Phil Hof to approve the minutes and seconded by Ron Shipman. Said Minutes were approved.

**IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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

Mike Albanese (sponsored by Victor Scomillio, Esquire and Stanley J. Margle, III, Esquire)  
Mark P. Albright (sponsored by Mark K. Altemose, Esquire, and Lawrence B. Fox, Esquire)  
Daniel J. Devlin (sponsored by Stanley J. Margle, III, Esquire, and Jessica Moyer, Esquire)  
James Madsen (sponsored by the Honorable Jackie Taschner and Jessica Moyer, Esquire)  
Catherine L. Pierce (sponsored by the Honorable Jackie Taschner and Lisa Spitale, Esquire)

Lauren L. Sorrentino (sponsored by Catherine A. Curcio, Esquire and Kelly Smith Watkins, Esquire)  
Chad Michael DiFelice (Sponsored by Victor Scomillio, Esquire, and Robert Donchez, Esquire)

## **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. President Scomillio thanked the Court for making a commitment to attend the pre-reception for young lawyers.

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. On June 26, 2012, the Membership was reminded that we have all 4 dugout suites for the Iron Pigs game. The Membership was encouraged to attend.

D. President Scomillio thanked Mary Beth Leeson and the entire Northampton County Bar Association staff for overseeing the basement repairs at the Association building.

E. President Scomillio indicated that there are wonderful CLE opportunities coming up and thanked the new committee chairs for planning the CLE's. The Membership was asked to support these efforts.

F. President Scomillio reminded the Membership of the upcoming May Quarterly Association Meeting which contains our Annual Malpractice Avoidance Seminar.

G. There was no correspondence received.

H. President Scomillio thanked the Bar Association for participating in the long-range planning survey.

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

The Treasurer, Abraham Kassis, presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Theresa Hogan to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and seconded by Justin McCarthy. The Association unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports were forthcoming from any committees.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

The long-range planning procedure was again discussed. President Scomillio reiterated the 3 goals of the long-range planning: (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.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

-Last Friday, Carol Devlin, the law librarian, retired. Upon Motion made by Keene Jabbour and seconded by Magisterial District Judge Jackie Taschner, a Motion was made and approved unanimously by the entire Bar Association to obtain a \$100 gift certificate for Ms. Devlin in appreciation of her work.

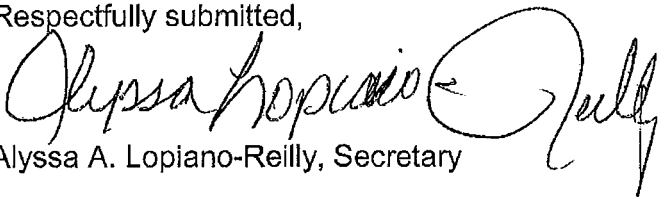
-Due to the asbestos problem, President Scomillio discussed the law library and the County's need to decide to either clean the books or obtain new books. President Scomillio indicated that the County is seeking input from the Bar Association as to the books that would be placed in the new library. He assured the Membership that the Board of Governors is working with Court Administration, as requested, on law library issues.

-John G. Thomas, III, Professor of Paralegal Services at Northampton County Community College asked all members to fill out a joint survey (sponsored by the Northampton County Community College and Lehigh Carbon Community College) for the paralegal programs. The hope is that the survey will enable the programs to assure continued quality in their graduates.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Gary Asteak, and seconded by Alex Karam, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary