

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
May 2, 2012**

The meeting, held at the Vintage at Morgan Hill in Easton, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio at 5:50PM.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

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

Board Members

<u> X </u>	Lisa M. Spitale
<u> X </u>	Michael P. Shay
<u> X </u>	Joseph Yannuzzi
<u> X </u>	Thomas L. Walters
<u> X </u>	Jessica Frisch Moyer
<u> X </u>	Robert M. Donchez
<u> </u>	Matthew C. Potts

Executive Director

<u> X </u>	Mary Beth Leeson
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I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Tom Walters to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2012 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Joe Yannuzzi and unanimously voted upon by the Board.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

1. A letter was received by President Scomillio from the ABA regarding changes to the model rules for Fee Arbitration. This letter will be forwarded to the Fee Arbitration Committee.
2. Andrew Shaw, Chair of the Personnel Committee, sent a letter indicating that the Committee will be reviewing the Employment Manual, particularly as it relates to bereavement time and the inconsistency between grandparents and grandchildren. The Board agreed that they should be received. The Committee will update the entire Manual and present it to the Board.
3. Thank-you notes were received by President Scomillio for the Reception for the Court from Judge McFadden, Judge Roscioli and Hank Barnett.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stan Margle gave the Treasurer's Report (in Abe Kassis' absence) 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:

-The Real Property Committee is putting together a CLE program on mortgage foreclosure issues. Discussion was held whether the Board wants to waive the CLE registration fee if people take on one case to assist the community. This was done for previous Mortgage Foreclosure Programs. Motion was made by Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly, seconded by Lisa Spitale, and was unanimously approved by the Board to waive the registration fee for attorneys who commit to taking one mortgage foreclosure case.

-Members of our Bar have approached both President Scomillio and Mary Beth Leeson advising that Lehigh County is no longer invoicing Northampton County

members who want to place ads in its Reporter. Rather, Lehigh County is apparently requiring pre-payment from all non-Lehigh County Bar members. In the past, both Lehigh County and Northampton County Bar Associations had a reciprocal policy of invoicing each Association's members rather than requiring pre-payment. President Scomillio will contact Lehigh County to confirm. If, in fact, the reciprocity has ended, we will also require prepayment from Lehigh County Bar members.

-We will ask the new PBA Legislative Affairs person, Frederick Cabell, Jr, Esquire, to speak at our September Association Meeting.

-Brett Bonfanti, a senior from Easton Area High School is the Winner of the \$500 Northampton County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial Scholarship.

-On the revenue and expense report (February, 2012) there is an error on the year-to-date formula under net operating income. It was corrected in the March report.

V. PROGRAMS

No presentations were made.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

-Long Range Planning. Last week, the officers engaged in a one-hour telephone conversation with the ABA to review the long range planning survey results. An executive summary resulting from that conference call, along with the survey results, was sent to all members of our Board.

-President Scomillio led a discussion on the highlights and issues in the survey results including the overwhelming favorable response to finding another location for the Bar Association Building and confirmation that CLE credits are an important service we provide to our members.

-President Scomillio implored Board members to review the survey results before the June 29 long-range-planning retreat (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) at Sayre Mansion and to make certain that the Board is prepared to engage in meaningful discussion. The Long Range Planning Committee will be invited to attend. President Judge McFadden will be asked whether or not she would like to send a member of the Bench to the retreat.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

-Breakfast with the Legislators is being scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:30 AM at Hotel Bethlehem.

-The Charitable Giving Committee (ad hoc) is being formed to make to the Board of Governors and the Bar Association aware of ways to assist the community to receive community requests for giving, and to make recommendations.

-President Scomillio received an email from Jill McComsey asking for our assistance in raising money for North Penn Legal Services. She is asking that we help administrate an event planned for August 2, 2012 at Melt (by giving free publication in the Reporter and the use of our staff). Motion was made by Jessica Moyer, seconded by Lisa Spitale, and unanimously approved by the Board to provide free publication advertising the event and the use of our staff to collect checks.

-Lisa Spitale volunteered to get more information on the Military Assistance Pro Bono Program and report back to the Board at next meeting for further discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Stan Margle seconded by Jessica Moyer, and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary