

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
July 25, 2012**

The meeting, held at the Northampton County Bar Association building in Easton, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio at 8:10 AM.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

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

Board Members

<u> X </u>	Lisa M. Spitale
<u> </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> X </u>	Matthew C. Potts

Executive Director

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

Motion was made by Kerry Freidl to approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2012 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Jessica Moyer 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. PBA request was made of the Bar Association to provide names of both lawyers and non-lawyers on the Judicial Review Committee. President Scmillio is requesting suggestions from the Board.
2. The following thank-you notes were received:
 - (a) from Dorothy Cole for her retirement gift;
 - (b) from Judge Hogan thanking the Bar for the invitation to the Summer Outing, however, he regretfully cannot attend;
 - (c) from Judge Roscioli thanking the Bar for the invitation to the Summer Outing, however, she regretfully cannot attend; and
 - (d) from Mayor Panto thanking us for the upkeep of the grounds and sidewalks of the Bar Association property and our aesthetic contribution to the neighborhood.
3. Correspondence was received from Laura M. Majewski, Esquire. Laura was injured in an automobile accident on October 5, 2010 and because of her injuries and recuperation, she has requested that the Board of Governors waive the requirement that she pay membership dues for 2012. Upon motion made by Tom Walters and seconded by Chris Reid, a motion to approve the waiver of dues for this individual as provided by the Bylaws for the year 2012, was unanimously approved. It is noted that Stan Margle abstained from both the discussion and the vote because of professional connections to Attorney Majewski.
4. The PBA has confirmed that it has approved the grant request for the CLE Program (Practicing Law Dead or Alive) by Ellen Kraft as discussed at a prior meeting.
5. A letter was received from Karl Kline, Esquire, praising the recent estates and trusts CLE Program and, in general, praising the Northampton County Bar effort to continue the Lunch Lecture CLE Programs.

6. Discussion was held concerning the recent editorial in The Morning Call by Paul Carpenter criticizing the Northampton County Court. President Scomillio specifically requested whether or not the Judges would like the Bar Association to consider responding. We were asked by the Bench not to comment.

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 Chris Reid and seconded by Lisa Spitale. The report was approved unanimously by the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following:

1. Mary Beth requested direction on whether or not she should begin the process to get the fence erected at the Bar Association building as provide for in the budget. She was hesitant to do so without the Board's direction since there has been constant discussion over whether or not we would be obtaining a new building. President Scomillio directed Mary Beth to proceed with the fence given the local teens and children coming onto the property particularly after hours and on weekends.

2. Mary Beth reported that the Law Librarian is moving to the Law Library on Monday, July 30, 2012 and the books are supposed to follow the Law Librarian. A request was made that all Board Members make an effort to review the books that are being put into the Law Library to make certain that they are sufficient.

3. The Northampton County Bar Association dues deadline has passed. A list of the Members who have not paid their dues will be given to President Scomillio, who will then determine whether or not he wishes to ask Board Members to make collection phone calls.

V. PROGRAMS

No presentations were made.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. President Scomillio drafted a Resolution and confirmed the Resolution with both the Chief Public Defender (Michael Corriere, Esquire) and with the Criminal Law Committee (Robert Eyer, Esquire). They both approved the form Resolution. The Resolution adopts the American Bar Association's Ten Principles of Public Defense Delivery System as the best practices standard for representation of indigent defendants. President Scomillio's Resolution was reviewed by all Board Members. A motion was made by Kerry Freidl and seconded by Joe Yannuzzi to approve the

Resolution for submission to the general membership at the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. President Scmillio reported that he approached Vicky Coyle, Esquire, to ask for additional information in order to determine whether or not the Board and the Association will support any request for funding of a full-time employee for North Penn Legal Services. Attorney Coyle has not yet responded to President Scmillio with the specific information requested. Thus, this matter must be tabled until this information is forthcoming.

3. All Members are encouraged to attend the North Penn Legal Services' Fund Raiser at Melt on August 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM.

4. Discussion was held concerning the Long Range Planning retreat in June. We continue to await the Summary and Action Tasks from the retreat which are being compiled by Jennifer of the American Bar Association. All Board Members who attended agreed that the retreat was useful in helping us focus on long-range planning issues and, most importantly, prioritizing same.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mary Beth Leeson raised the issue that the Northampton County Bar Association is going to be 140 years old in the year 2014. This is the same year that we would have a Bench Bar Conference. She suggested that the Board think about whether or not a formal affair (such as we used to have with the Barrister's Ball) or some other type of celebration should be planned for this event. She further suggested that the Board may wish to consider tying the anniversary planning in with the Bench Bar Conference. This will be discussed in more detail at a later meeting.

2. President Scmillio reported on last week's breakfast with our legislators. Senator Pat Brown and Representative and Steve Samsuelson attended along with representatives from the offices of other legislators. Issues discussed included the sales tax on legal services issue, the Northampton County Reporter, and funding for North Penn Legal Services. The Board agrees that we continue to meet with our legislators on an annual basis. President Scmillio will speak with Judge Dally to determine when and how we can best get the most attendance from our legislators at such a meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Chris Reid seconded by Lisa Spitale, and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary