

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
September 5, 2012**

The meeting, held at the River Grille Restaurant in Easton, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio at 5:55 PM.

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> X </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> </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 Kerry Freidl to approve the Minutes from the July 25, 2012 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Lisa Spitale 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. Judge Baratta sent a letter indicating that he is planning to attend the Bench Bar Conference in Philadelphia and he offered to participate in any way.
2. Karl Kline, Esquire, sent a letter regarding his concern about the lack of timeliness by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue when responding to inheritance tax returns. He asked that a letter be sent from the Bar Association expressing our concern.
3. Richard Santee, Jr., Esquire, wrote to thank the Bar Association for its sponsorship for his attendance at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Summer Meeting at the Rocky Gap Lodge.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly gave a stunning rendition of the Treasurer's Report to the Board. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, as submitted, was made by Michael Shay and seconded by Thomas Walters. The report was approved unanimously by the Board.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following:

1. There will be no People's Law School this year due to lack of interest by the public.
2. The Quarterly Meeting of the Bar Association is scheduled for September 20, 2012 and all Board Members are encouraged to attend.
3. Mary Beth spoke with a representative from the Phantoms Hockey team to open the lines of communication concerning potentially having a bar event at the new stadium.

4. Barbara Hollenbach, Esquire, has been awarded the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Award. If you see her, congratulate her.

5. A revised price list was circulated concerning the Northampton County Reporter commercial ad prices. Mary Beth attempted to put the prices more in line with area bar associations and attempted to provide a reasonable discount for multiple ads. A motion to approve the new rates for Northampton County Reporter advertising effective January 1, 2013 was made by Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly and seconded by Stanley Margle. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. The Bar Association is attending the Flyers v. Islanders Hockey Game on Friday, March 1, 2013. Please mark your calendars.

7. The Bar Association has scheduled a day trip on November 17, 2012 to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and shopping at the Woodbury Commons Shopping Center. Tickets will go quickly. Please make your reservations now.

8. The Bench Bar Conference brochure has been received and mailed to all members. Board Members are encouraged to attend and to encourage others to attend the Bench Bar Conference on October 12 – October 13, 2012 in Philadelphia and are encouraged to make reservations for the hotel soon since only 30 rooms were reserved. Mary Beth presented an update on the programming for the Conference. Continued thanks to Mary Beth and the Bench Bar Committee for all of their hard work on this year's Conference.

9. Since attendance was down this year at the Northampton County Bar Picnic, a decision was made to move the picnic back to the Thursday of Non-Jury week for the year 2013.

10. The Memorial Service is set for September 25, 2012 and all members of the Board of Governors are encouraged to attend.

11. The North Penn Legal Services fund raiser at Melt raised over \$10,000.

V. PROGRAMS

See Executive Director's Report for discussion of the Bench Bar Conference. No other program presentations were made.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board has \$5,000 budgeted for charitable contributions which we have yet to distribute in 2012. This matter was tabled for future discussion.

2. Discussion was held regarding the email dated August 30, 2012 from Vicki Coyle, Esquire, to President Scomillio responding to President Scomillio's request 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. Specifically, the proposal is that, over the next 3 years, the Bar Association would fund \$181,000 (\$57,000 for the first year) for a full-time North Penn employee. The email was reviewed and discussed. The Board agreed to present the concept to the full membership, however, several motions were made concerning the form in which the Board could support some type of funding for North Penn Legal Services. The following motions concerning how the Board would present its position to the general membership were made:

(a) A motion was made by Tom Walters that the Bar Association supports a gift to North Penn Legal Services of \$57,385 for the year 2013 to hire a full-time employee. This motion was seconded by Kerry Freidl. After discussion, the following was the vote: 3 members of the Board in favor; 6 members of the Board opposed. Motion failed.

(b) A motion was made by Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly that the Bar Association supports a matching dollar for dollar, any fund raising by North Penn for the year 2013 up to a maximum \$50,000 to be used in the discretion of North Penn Legal Services to benefit Northampton County citizens. Michael Shay seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 7 opposed. Motion failed.

(c) A motion was made by Victor Scomillio and seconded by Robert Donchez that the Board support a \$25,000 unrestricted one-time gift for the year 2013 to North Penn Legal Services. After discussion, the vote was 7 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Nomination Committee met and all new members have accepted their nominations. The slate of nominees will be presented to the membership at the November Quarterly Meeting. The nominees are as follows: Michael Shay will move into the position of Secretary; Dan O'Donnell will move onto the Board of Governors for a one-year term; Robert Eyer will move onto the Board of Governors for a 3-year term; Karley Biggs will move onto the Board of Governors for a 3-year term in the Young Lawyer Membership position; Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly will move into the position of Treasurer; Abe Kassis will move into the position of Vice-President; Chris Reid will move into the position of President Elect; Stanley Margle will move into the position of President; and Victor Scomillio will serve as Past President.

2. Anne Achatz, the Northampton County Recorder of Deeds, is retiring. The decision was made to give her a \$100 gift card to Blue.

3. Discussion was held concerning the resulting goals from the Long Range Strategic Planning Retreat held in June, 2012. The following was the discussion concerning the Strategic Planning Matrix:

- (a) Goal #1: Sub-Item #1: Buying vs. Expanding the NCBA Building.

The Long Range Planning Committee is currently focused on expanding the current building rather than purchasing a new building, however, the purchase of a new building always remains an option. Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly volunteered to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee to report the progress back to the Board of Governors.

- (b) Goal #1: Sub-Item #2 and Sub-Item #3. Contingency Plan to Deal with the Potential Loss of Journal Revenue/Alternative Revenue Streams.

Victor Scomillio and Joe Yannuzzi will work on this.

- (c) Goal #1: Sub-Item #4 and Goal #3. More Robust Website and Boosting Member Awareness.

Lisa Spitale and Robert Donchez will work with the Technology Committee to update the website.

- (d) Goal #1: Sub-Item #5. Bolster CLE Offerings.

Victor Scomillio is working with Nick Noel to accomplish this through committee heads.

- (e) Goal #1: Sub-Item #6. Pros and Cons of the NCBA Remaining a Unit County of the PBA.

Michael Shay and Mary Beth Leeson will work on this.

- (f) Overall Goal #2 (Sub-Items #1 - #3). Bench/Bar Relations.

Victor Scomillio will work on this.

- (g) Goal #4. Enhance NCBA's Service and Visibility in the Community.

Kerry Freidl will work on this and revitalizing the Speaker's Bureau.

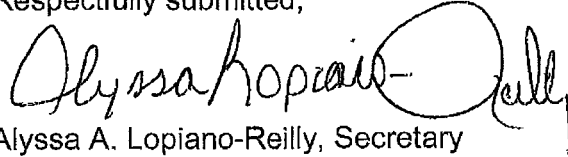
- (h) Goal #5. Communicate Goals/Progress/Priorities to the Bar Membership.

Victor Scomillio will do this at the 2 upcoming Quarterly Meetings.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Robert Donchez seconded by Lisa Spitale, and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary