

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
November 15, 2012**

The meeting, held at the Best Western in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was called to order by President, Victor E. Scomillio at 4:30 PM.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

 X Victor E. Scomillio, President
 X Stanley J. Margle, III, President Elect
 X 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
_____ Michael P. Shay
_____ Joseph Yanuzzi
 X Thomas L. Walters
 X Jessica Frisch Moyer
 X Robert M. Donchez
_____ 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 October 3, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Walters and unanimously voted upon by the Board. The undersigned abstained.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Correspondence was received from the following Judges thanking us for the Bench Bar Conference in Philadelphia: Judge Baratta, Judge McFadden, Judge Beltrami, and Judge Roscioli.

2. Correspondence was received from Representative Robert Freeman acknowledging the Bar's Resolution for the Adoption of the ABA's Principles of Justice for Indigent Defendants.

3. Correspondence was received from the PBA acknowledging our \$50,000 donation to North Penn Legal Services.

4. A packet of correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue concerning current turn-around time for processing inheritance tax returns, which will be referred to Karl Kline, chair of the Estate Administration Committee.

5. Correspondence was received from Maura McGuire, in her role as chairperson of the Family Law Committee, to the Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Rules Committee.

6. Correspondence was received dated October 2, 2012, thanking the Bar Association for our contribution of \$5,000 to the Pennsylvania Bar PAC.

7. Voting on-line occurred by the Board on November 7, 2012 because of impending bad weather which resulted in the scheduled Board meeting being cancelled. The following 2 issues were discussed and voted upon:

(a) A unanimous vote was made in favor of \$999 to be donated to the 2012 Holiday Hope Chest Program; and

(b) A 12 to 1 vote in favor of the 2013 proposed budget was made.

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:

-A new copy machine has been installed in the Law Library. We have leased it. The public pays \$.25 per page. Members can purchase a copy card at the Bar Association and pay \$.20 per page.

-Holiday Hope Chest Project is proceeding well. Donations are higher this year than last year.

-The Bar's 2011 990 IRS form was reviewed by the Board.

V. PROGRAMS

No programming information was reported.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

-President Scomillio and the Board of Governors expressed great appreciation for Mary Beth Leeson, her staff, and the Bench-Bar Committee for their hard work on the Bench Bar Conference.

-President Scomillio, Kerry Freidl, and Stan Margle will meet with Curto Financial and report back to the Board next month as to whether the Board should invite Curto Financial to speak to the general membership about financial planning issues including disability insurance.

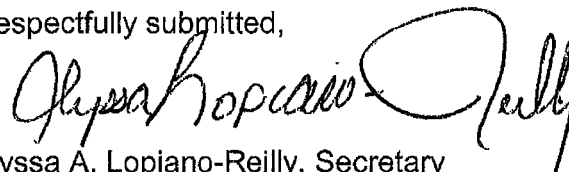
VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Abe Kassis and seconded by Chris Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alyssa A. Lopiano-Reilly, Secretary