

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

The meeting, held at Cherubina's in Easton, was then called to order by President Victor Scomillio at 5:50 P.M.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

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

Board Members

- X Lisa M. Spitale
- X Michael P. Shay
- X Joseph Yanuzzi
- X Thomas Walters
- X Jessica Frisch Moyer
- X Robert M. Donchez
- X Matthew C. Potts

Executive Director

- X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jessica Frisch Moyer to approve the Minutes from the November 15, 2012 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Kerry Scott Freidl. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board was advised of the following correspondences that were received since the last meeting:

-A copy of a letter was presented to the Board from President Judge McFadden to Judge Carol McGinley of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas to follow-up on whether Lehigh County would be hosting the Mock Trial Competition for the upcoming year. The Board will be advised of the answer once it is received.

-A correspondence was received by Allen L. Jennings, the Executive Director of the CACLV, thanking the Northampton County Bar for its contribution of \$2,250.00 in support of its partnership to minimize foreclosures in Northampton County.

- A thank you card was received by former Ann Achatz thanking the Bar Association for its gift made to her in honor of her retirement from the Recorder of Deeds office.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The undersigned gave the Treasurer's Report to the Board. A motion to approve was made by Stan Margle 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:

-The Holiday Hope Chest Project was a success again, raising \$5,034.00 which resulted in over 300 boxes of gifts for underprivileged children.

-The Board was asked as to whether any special procedure would need to be followed in the circumstance of a member being disbarred. It was decided that no steps other than dropping the name from the membership roll would be required.

-A correspondence was received from The Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association inviting members of the Bar to the car show at Stabler Arena, in which proceeds would benefit the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

-An invitation was received from Cetronia Ambulance to have members of the Bar Association participate in a road race which is held to provide support for its operation.

V. PROGRAMS

No programming information was reported.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chris Reid reported that the Finance Committee recently met to discuss whether a formal policy needed to be put in place with regard to the fiscal obligations of the Board of Governors pertaining to the management of the finances for the Bar Association. Specifically, there has been some concern as to whether the Board should undertake a slightly more aggressive form of investing with some of the assets for the purposes of growth, understanding that this is a greatly debated issue. It was decided that the Finance Committee should draft a policy statement for the Northampton County Bar Association membership to review.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that Maura McGuire would be replacing Nick Noel as the PBA Delegate for Zone II. Attorney Noel served in the position for a number of years and did a great job for the Bar Association.

President Scomillio provided the Board with information regarding the sad news of the passing of both Senior Judge Isaac Garb and Magistrate Gay Elwell within the past week.

After having the Executive Director leave the meeting, a discussion was held regarding the recommendations of the Personnel Committee on proposed salary increases and bonuses to the members of the Bar Association staff. After having discussion on the recommendations, a Motion was made by Jessica Frisch Moyer to adopt and approve the proposed raises and bonuses. The Motion was seconded by Matthew Potts and unanimously approved by the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Kerry Scott Freidl and seconded by Jessica Frisch Moyer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.P.K.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ABRAHAM P. KASSIS
Treasurer