

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

March 4, 2020

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 1001 Thai, Easton, Pennsylvania at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Eyer. An Agenda for the meeting was circulated to the Members of the Board of Governors prior to the meeting. Members of the Board of Governors in attendance at the meeting were as follows:

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers:

- Robert Eyer, President
- Maura Zajac McGuire, President-Elect
- Paul J. Harak, Vice President
- Steven B. Molder, Treasurer
- Jeremy Clark, Secretary
- Lisa Spitale, Past President

Board Members:

- David M. Backenstoe
- Richard Santee
- Scott Wilhelm
- Douglas Tkacik
- Erika Farkas
- Jill McComsey
- Joshua Fulmer

Executive Director:

- Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 5, 2020 were circulated for review. McGuire made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Spitale

seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Robert Eyer, President, reported on the following matters:

- A. A thank you letter from the Moran family for the donation made by the Association to honor the passing of Judge Moran.
- B. A thank you letter from the family of Heather Rizzotto-Stefanik thanking the Board and the Association for its support of the family during their difficult time.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Steven Molder, Treasurer, again pointed out the declining revenue in our accounts due to a decline in sheriff sale activity.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. A letter received from counsel for the Recorder of Deeds asking of the Association would be interested in old deed books as the contents have now been scanned. Some of the old deeds allegedly look really cool and it was generally agreed that it would be a shame for them to be thrown out. Clark recommended that Molder frame and sell them on Etsy/Ebay to help raise money for the Association. Farkas suggested to announce the availability of the books at the next association meeting. MB Leeson agreed to do more research on these books.
- B. New hires at the Association, Jessica and Yasmin, Board members were encouraged to stop in and say "Hi."
- C. MB Leeson and Spitale closed out the escrow account for funds raised for Heather and will be sending the remaining funds to the executor of her estate.
- D. The CCBL was not as bad as it used to be. Molder was impressed and glad he didn't have to drive.
- E. Mock trial finished and the regional finals will be in Northampton County this year dates TBD.
- F. YLD Happy Hour at Pints and Pies on 3/20/20.
- G. Reception for the Court – pre-reception all Board members invited

(pronounced “ordered”) to attend but deemed not worthy of actual paper invitations or postage.

H. Personnel discussion.

V. PROGRAMS

Vice President Paul Harak, reported:

- A. Employment law primer 3/19/20
- B. Potential program with a forensic engineer – this will be considered for next year.
- C. Harak admitted that he is lazy and needs to get his act together and get more programs lined up. Spitale (again) suggested a medical marijuana CLE while munching on her edamame.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation update by Fulmer: –

- 1. BOG members suggested (again “ordered”) to each donate a “good” bottle of wine. A lengthy discussion followed about the definition of this subjective term. When MB Leeson suggested a price range of \$30-50 all the cheap skates were shocked. Eyer suggested the bottle actually be unopened.
- 2. Grant recipients were selected: Families First in Pen Argl, GEDP Ambassadors, Victory House.

B. Bench Bar by MB Leeson:

- 1. Starting Thursday afternoon Sept 24th and ends Saturday morning Sept 26th. MB Leeson went over the tentative timeline but Clark can’t write that fast – despite all his technological support.
- 2. Clark and others supported the idea of a free evening rather than an Association dinner/event as more palatable to the non-lawyer spouses.
- 3. MB Leeson also presented the idea of a cocktail hour/evening and perhaps an optional dinner event drink and people can sign up if they wish to attend.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Spitale. The motion was seconded by Molder. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Jeremy Clark, Secretary