

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING
Thursday, September 17, 2020**

The September Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at Louise Moore Park, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM

The September Quarterly Association Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020, was called to order by President Robert Eyer at 6:15 p.m. A quorum was present at the time the meeting was called to order. The following officers of the NCBA were present when the meeting was called to order:

Robert Eyer, President
Maura Zajac McGuire, President-Elect
Jeremy F. Clark, Secretary
Lisa M. Spitale, Past President

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson was also in attendance.

At the start of the meeting, President Eyer called for a Moment of Silence in memory of Members Louis S. Minotti, Jr. and Joshua D. Fulmer. Both will be deeply missed by the NCBA.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Association Meeting of January 8, 2020 were distributed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Theresa Hogan and was seconded by Member Michael Santanasto. The motion was approved unanimously by the members in attendance at the meeting.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following proposed new members appeared at the meeting for admission into membership of the NCBA:

1. Taylor Rose D. Briggs, Esq. (Sponsored by Michael Santanasto and Kathryn Williams)
2. Timothy Kraeer, Esq. (Sponsored by John Obrecht and Robert Eyer)
3. Joseph Leeson, III, Esq. (Sponsored by Honorable Joseph F. Leeson, Jr. and Patricia Leeson)

After introduction of the proposed new members, a motion was made by Member Ronald Shipman and seconded by Member Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly to admit the above-listed attorneys into membership in the NCBA. The motion was unanimously approved by the members in attendance at the meeting and all proposed new members were accepted into membership of the NCBA.

IV. PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

PBA President, David Schwager, addressed the Members present. He expressed the PBA's appreciation for the participation of NCBA Members in PBA endeavors. He also encouraged continuation of a tradition of NCBA Members being active in leadership roles.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Memorial Service: The Annual Memorial Service has been rescheduled to November 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 1. All Members are encouraged to attend.
- B. Calendar Events: A list of upcoming CLE Programs and other events are listed on the back of the Meeting Agenda.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

President Eyer reported having no correspondence to discuss with the Membership.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

President Eyer presented the Treasurer's Report, which was previously circulated for review by members in attendance. Eyer announced the total balance of all accounts as of August 31, 2020 to be: \$1,265,611 The Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pro Bono Award

Pro Bono Committee Chairperson Lori Malloy presented the Annual Pro Bono Award to Member Alex Ward. Ward was commended for his admirable contribution of approximately 30 hours of pro bono legal services.

B. Bylaws Update

President Eyer called Members' attention to proposed changes to the NCBA Bylaws that had been circulated prior to the Meeting. The proposal would allow for a meeting of the NCBA to be conducted through any reasonable electronic means designed to allow remote participation by Members, in the event that the President determines that it is not feasible or appropriate to conduct an in-person meeting. Member Joel Scheer made a motion to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws. Member Victor Scomillio proposed an amendment, which would provide for the determination of the feasibility/appropriateness of an in-person meeting to be made by three NCBA Officers, rather than leaving the decision to the sole discretion of the President. Sheer agreed and reasserted the motion with that amendment. Member Linda Shay Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. U.S. Magistrate Position

President Eyer reported that U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry S. Perkin has announced his retirement and there has been a recommendation that no one fill his position in Allentown. The Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton County Bar Associations have sent correspondence to the President Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as to our State Senators and Congresswoman Susan Wild, urging for this position to be filled in Allentown.

XI. BARRISTERS' BOAST

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Philip Hof and seconded by Member Ellen Kraft. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maura Z. McGuire

Maura Zajac McGuire, President-Elect

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Update of NCBA Bylaws

During the September 17, 2020 NCBA Quarterly Association meeting, the following paragraph will be considered as a new bylaw and will be voted upon by attending members. Below the proposed new bylaw is the current section regarding Association Meetings.

[New] Section 4. **"In the event that the President determines, in his or her reasonable judgment, that it is not feasible or appropriate to conduct an "in-person" meeting of the Association, such meeting may be conducted through any reasonable electronic means designed to allow remote participation in the meeting by the members."**

[Renumbered and revised] Section 5. **"Twenty active and/or life members of the Association present at or participating in a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Each active and life member present at or participating in a meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Whenever voting is required, or authorized under these By-Laws, such voting rights shall be limited to active and life members."**

[Renumbered] Section 6.

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Current Bylaws as of September 1, 2020

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

SECTION 1. There shall be five regular meetings each year. The meetings shall be held during the months of January, March, May, September, and November at a date, time and place to be designated by the President and Program Chairperson. The January meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President, or in the absence of the President or upon his refusal to do so, by the Secretary upon written request signed by fifteen members of the Association.

SECTION 3. Written notice of all regular or special meetings shall be mailed by ordinary mail to each member of the Association. Regular meetings shall be held on not less than five days' notice; special meetings shall be held on not less than three days' notice. Notice of special meetings shall state the business to be transacted thereat.

SECTION 4. Twenty active and/or life members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. Each active and life member present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Whenever voting is required or authorized under these By-Laws, such voting rights shall be limited to active and life members.

SECTION 5. The order of business at the meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Determination of quorum
2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Report of the Board of Governors
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Reports of the Committees
6. Election of Officers
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

The order of business may in any case be changed or dispensed with upon the approval of a majority of the members present.