

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

November 4, 2020

The Board of Governors meeting was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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 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

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 7, 2020, were circulated for review. Santee made a motion to approve the minutes and Tkacik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

Robert Eyer, President, no report.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Steven Molder, Treasurer, discussed the three-year running report in the packet distributed to the Board prior. Specifically, the revenue shortfall in 2020 due mostly to a decrease in Sheriff sales causing a loss of advertising revenue.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Leeson reported on the following matters:

- A. Sent out the PBA PAC check as per last month's Board decision.
- B. Holiday Hope Chest fundraising just crossed the threshold minimum donation amounts.
- C. L. Minotti will also be honored this year at the memorial service but J.Fulmer's will be continued to next year.
- D. Ceremonial admissions to the county bar will be held on December 4th as scheduled.
- E. C. Morganelli has again requested to engage with members in a business to business program offering benefits to Association members. This led to a discussion about a potential membership committee to help develop deals for members with local businesses for members. Concern was raised that, in this case in particular, it may be perceived of as favoritism given his father's position on the bench. It was decided by the Board that a committee to focus on such member benefits was not a priority – no action was taken.
- F. About 200 lawyers working or living in Northampton County are not members of the Association. There was a discussion about the merits of pursuing these lawyers as potential members. It was decided to revisit this whenever "normal" Bar activities resume.
- G. Bob's last meeting – it was decided to hold the meeting at the Kingfish for those who are comfortable to attend.

V. PROGRAMS

No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foundation update by MBL, no report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Holiday Hope Chest requested for a donation of \$1,000 as has been the historical practice. Farkas motioned to approve the donation and Santee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Filling the seat vacated by Fulmer's untimely passing. Eyer will reconvene the nominating committee to find nominees to fill the position. There was also discussion of another board member assuming the responsibility of being the Board liaison with the Foundation.
- C. Developing a fundraiser/charitable action to benefit Josh's widow and children. Eyer will develop a small committee to develop a plan that will involve people who were close to Josh and his family. There was discussion about the Association making a monetary donation versus an in-kind donation to this cause. No formal decision was made by the Board on this issue at this time.
- D. Raise a Glass will go forward on December 4th. The event will be fully virtual with etched glasses custom made by member LS Gardner. Clark motioned to support the event at the historical level of \$2,500. Spitale seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McComsey. The motion was seconded by Backenstoe. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeremy Clark, Secretary