MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING January 6, 2010

The meeting, held at the River Grille, Easton, Pennsylvania was called to order by President Jacqueline Taschner at 5:45 p. m.

Officers:
X Jacqueline Taschner, President
X Kerry Scott Freidl, President Elect
X Victor E. Scomillio, Vice President
X Stanley J. Margle, III, Treasurer
X Christopher M. Reid, Secretary
X Joseph A. Corpora, III, Past President
Board Members:
Kevin F. Danyi
X Michael P. Shay
X Alyssa Lopiano Reilly
X Samuel P. Murray
X Daniel M. O'Donnell
X Jessica Frisch Moyer
Matthew C. Potts
Executive Director:
X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon Motion of Kerry Freidl and second by Victor Scomillio, the Minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting were Unanimously Approved. Alyssa Lopiano Reilly abstaining from vote.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

President Taschner reported on the following:

- 1. Continued communications from Judge Panella, including a letter of thanks for the portrait.
- 2. Communications from John Thomas at Northampton Area Community College for continued support of the Paralegal program. It was unanimous amongst the Members of the Board that the Bar Association's support for the Paralegal Award for the Paralegal program will be continued in 2010.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Report was given by Stanley Margle and on permanent record of the NCBA Office. Upon Motion of Alyssa Lopiano Reilly and second by Joseph Corpora, the Treasurer's Report was Unanimously Approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following:

- 1. The date for the NCBA Annual Summer Outing is changed to July 22, 2010.
- 2. The option of credit card payment is available for use by NCBA members.
- 3. At the December 4, 2009 meeting of the House of Delegates there was a vote to change membership rates for senior membership. Suggestion made by President Jacqueline Taschner that our association keep the current level for senior membership constant and not change in accordance with the recommendations of the House of Delegates. Support of this decision was unanimous amongst the Members of the Board.
- 4. It has come to the attention of the Executive Director that the Lehigh County Bar Association has solicited all NCBA members to come to their events. No action was recommended or required by the board on this issue.
- 5. On December 29, 2009 the portrait of Judge Panella was unveiled. Said unveiling to be followed by the portraits of Judge Freedburg and Judge Moran to be organized by Mike Deshler.
- 6. The Mock Trial Program is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 5:00 PM at the Courthouse. NCBA will make efforts to encourage people to volunteer as jurors through letters going out to the membership.

V. PROGRAMS

- 1. Don Swan will be speaker at January Quarterly Meeting.
- 2. Ellen Freedman from the PBA will be a speaker at the March Quarterly Meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Members of the Board turned in their conflict of interest forms.
- 2. The Courthouse security has been revisited by Larry Fox, through letter. Jacqueline Taschner has discussed the issue with Judge McFadden and will further talk with Ron Rossi, Sheriff of Lehigh County to discuss Lehigh County's program of security badges for their membership.

VII. <u>NEW BUSINESS.</u>

- 1. The Board welcomed new members Jessica Moyer and Matthew Potts.
- 2. Jacqueline Taschner thanked Joseph Corpora for his past service as President of NCBA.
- 3. Notice was given of the CCBL in February in Lancaster, PA. Jacqueline Taschner encouraged the Board Members to attend.
- 4. Jill Kelly McComsey is the returning chair to the Young Lawyers Division and has offered the idea of a formal dressware donation to regional high schools. Such program needs board approval to work on a trial basis. Dan O'Donnell raised the question of the cost associated with such a program before taking it to the membership. Upon Motion of Kerry Freidl the Board has tabled discussion on this issue until it can obtain more information from membership at YLD.
- 5. Jacqueline Taschner raised the concept of inviting someone from the community to the Quarterly Meeting to speak regarding their group or charitable cause, for example having someone from Second Harvest Food Bank come to speak about the organization and membership engaging in food drive or donation to the food bank.
- 6. Dan LaBert, of LCBA contacted Kerry Freidl to gauge interest in rekindling the joint dinner between the two association. Stan Margle proposed a joint softball game between counties in lieu of the joint dinner. Kerry Freidl will take this proposal back to Dan LaBert to discuss further.

7. Kerry Freidl discussed the "Modest Means" program as an offshoot of probono work. Upon Motion of Alyssa Lopiano Reilly and, seconded by Victor Scomillio, Motion was made to refer consideration of adopting such program to the NCBA ProBono Committee. The Motion was unanimously approved by the board.

VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Upon Motion of Victor Scomillio, and a second by Alyssa Lopiano Reilly, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher M. Kelu

Secretary