MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING March 3, 2010

The meeting, held at the Northampton County Bar Association, Easton, Pennsylvania was called to order by President Jacqueline Taschner at 6:00 p. m

ATTENDEES (as marked):

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
Samuel P. Murray
X Daniel M. O'Donnell
X Jessica Frisch Moyer
X Matthew C. Potts
Executive Director:
X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon Motion of Joseph A. Corpora, III and second by Stanley J. Margle, III, the Minutes of the January 6, 2010 meeting were Unanimously Approved.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

President Taschner reported on the following:

- 1. Letter from Keystone Alliance regarding a Saturday, May 1, 2010 seminar regarding the future of the paralegal profession. Brochures were passed around to board members.
- 2. Letter from Chris Spadoni asking to be considered for delegate position for zone two. Also received letter from Nicholas Noel requesting reappointment. President Taschner recommended Nicholas Noel as zone two delegate and that Chris Spadoni be considered for any at large position.
- 3. Letter from Larry Fox concerning courthouse security. The board discussed the Lehigh County program including President Taschner's conversations with Lehigh County Sheriff Ron Rossi and President Judge McFadden. President Taschner received indications, based on the conversation with Judge McFadden that Northampton County will continue to follow the mandates set forth by Pennsylvania State Police survey

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Report was given by Stanley J Margle, III and on permanent record of the NCBA Office. Upon Motion of Victor Scomillio and second by Dan O'Donnell, the Treasurer's Report was Unanimously Approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following.

- 1. The reception for the court was discussed, including the current attendance as well as a list of those attending being circulated amongst board members.
- 2. Philadelphia Flyers trip was very successful and the association will be considering additional trips in the future.
- 3. The Mock Trial Program was a success and Northampton High School won our Zone Competition and will be advancing to the next stage
- 4. There will be an upcoming Mortgage Foreclosure Seminar in which Rich Kovacs, John Obrecht and Annette Santiago will be the speakers.
- 5. With regard to the Explorer Post, 15 kids had signed up. Sam Murray will be spearheading the event for this month at the Juvenile Justice Center

- 6. The portrait of Judge Freedburg is in process, and he will be using the same artist as Judge Simpson.
- 7. Law Day is presently scheduled for May 3, 2010. The need for volunteers was discussed.
- 8. The Young Lawyers Division will be sponsoring a tubing event at Shawnee as well as an event at the Palmer Park Mall where children can have their picture taken and have finger prints done by members of the Palmer Police Department. Jill Kelly McComsey will be spearheading that event.
- 9. The Bar Association received solicitation from an insurance representative of Mutual of Omaha regarding alternative insurance programs for members. It was discussed among the board members and an unanimous no was reached with regard to circulating this information to general membership.
- 10. There was a discussion regarding the Pennsylvania Bar Associations current financial shape. It has become apparent that the Pennsylvania Bar Association is looking for ways to generate non dues revenues. One approach they are looking at is the Bar Journals. Concern has been expressed by individual county bar associations regarding losing the revenue generated by bar journal advertisements

V. <u>PROGRAMŞ</u>

- 1. Dan O'Donnell reported on the 2010 Bench Bar Conference. He has had continued discussions with Hank Barnette regarding various speakers and the location of the presentation at the Skadden Arps firm in Washington DC. Judge Van Antwerpen will speak or locate a speaker regarding criminal sentencing and the civil speaker is still to be determined.
- 2.Michael Shay reported on the upcoming drama "Forbidden Courthouse." He is presently looking for volunteers and singers. Victor Scomillio volunteered his services for a duet.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mike Shay was asked again about rewriting the bylaws about obtaining votes by email. Apparently Judge Beltrami will chairing this committee to investigate this scintillating issue.

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

1. Kerry Freidl reported of efforts in the Pennsylvania legislature to tax legal fees. The Philadelphia Bar Association is spearheading an effort to combat these attempts. Kerry Freidl discussed with Nevin Mindlan what support the proposed bill has. There is ongoing discussion as to when we, as a bar association, will need to entertain efforts to respond to these attempts.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Michael Shay, and a second by Victor Scomillio, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristopher M. Reid

Secretary