

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING  
May 5, 2010**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Jackie Taschner, Esquire.

ATTENDEES:

Officers:

- Jacqueline M. Taschner, President
- Kerry Scott Freidl, President Elect
- Victor E. Scmillio, Vice President
- Stanley J. Margle, III, Treasurer
- Christopher M. Reid, Secretary
- Joseph A. Corpora, III, Past President

Board Members:

- Kevin P. Danyi
- Michael P. Shay
- Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly
- Samuel P. Murray
- Daniel M. O'Donnell
- Jessica Frisch Moyer
- Matthew C. Potts

Executive Director:

- Mary Beth Leeson

I) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting was made by Jessica Moyer and Seconded by Daniel O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

II) PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you card was received from Nevin Mindlin of the Pennsylvania Bar Association;

2. Letter was received from NCC student Amy Dumouchel noting a thank you for the recipient of the NCBA Paralegal Award;
3. A letter from Frank Poswistillo commenting upon the success of the recent Past Presidents Dinner;
4. A letter from Martye Cohen suggesting a reduction of fees for the Judge's Reception for younger lawyers and a letter from Martye Cohen to Judge McFadden regarding the same issue; and
5. CACLV – A letter from Mr. Jennings indicating a request for a donation from the Bar Association which President Taschner indicated would be considered under New Business.

IV) TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stan Margle delivered the Treasurer's Report. Upon Motion to approve by Victor Scomillio and a Second by Jessica Moyer, the Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

V) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson reported upon the following:

1. The Law Day Proceeding went well and letters had been received from Teachers thanking the Bar Association for the Program;
2. A letter was received from a Contractor for the Bar Association Building and a meeting is scheduled to discuss the various improvements to the building;
3. It was announced that the Quarterly Meeting will take place at 12:00 p.m. on May 20, 2010 at the Best Western. Immediately following the Quarterly Meeting would be a Malpractice Avoidance Seminar offering 1.5 hours of Ethics credits;
4. The NCBA YLD Mock Trial Scholarship Award winner is Brynne DeMenichi from Northampton High School; and
5. A discussion ensued with regard to the bus trip on November 21, 2010 for a Sunday night Eagles game. The cost per person is One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$180.00). A discussion ensued with regard to whether alcohol would be provided, served or made available. A question of insurance coverage was raised and it was agreed that Stan Margle would inquire as to whether additional insurance was necessary. Approximately fifty one (51) tickets have been sold to date.

VI) PROGRAMS:

Dan O'Donnell reported on the following:

1. Bench Bar Conference in Washington, D.C. in October. Preparations and planning are proceeding as expected. Everyone is encouraged to solicit colleagues for attendance at the Bench Bar Conference; and

2. Dan O'Donnell also reported that Hank Barnett, formerly of Bethlehem Steel, was able to secure former White House Counsel Greg Craig to speak at the Bench Bar Conference.

VII) OLD BUSINESS:

1. BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

A discussion ensued as to amendments to the By-Laws with regard to Board members receiving notice via email. Discussion also took place with regard the duties of the Secretary in the event of a meeting of the Board of Governors taking place by way of email. It was agreed that such meetings should be the exception rather than the rule and should be in the event of emergency action required by the Board of Governors and in matters that cannot wait for the regularly scheduled Board of Governors' meeting. This issue was tabled to allow Mike Shay to have input and response;

2. SENATE BILL 51:

Senate Bill 51 was discussed. It was reported that there was no significant push to provide support/opposition to the Bill. It was reported that more information would be forthcoming after the Executive Director attends the upcoming State Meeting of Bar Association Directors;

3. JUDGE FREEDBERG PORTRAIT:

It was reported that the portrait is complete and is located in Jim Onembo's office. Judge Freedberg has examined the portrait and indicated that no official ceremony is necessary. The Court Administrator should simply find an appropriate location in Courtroom #1 and hang the portrait without fanfare;

4. MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE:

It was reported that forty (40) members remain delinquent in their dues. A discussion ensued as to whether delinquent members would be precluded from attending Bar Association events. A lengthy discussion took place regarding whether or not the Association should continue to pay the dues for law clerks and various proposals regarding limitations on the payment of such dues (such as two (2) to three (3) years (due to the concern that some law clerks have been extending their service to multiple years.)). This issue was tabled so that the full Board of Governors could discuss and make recommendations on this issue.

**VIII NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. LANCE WHEELER:**

Discussion took place with regard to Lance Wheeler's daughter. It was agreed that the Association should be involved with some fund raising efforts to assist in defraying the costs of travel for Lance and his wife to care for their daughter at various hospitals around the country. A motion was made for the Young Lawyers' Division to examine the prospect of organizing a 5K race with the proceeds going to offset the costs.

**2. PBA YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION CONFERENCE:**

Karley Biggs was nominated to attend the Conference which is scheduled to take place at the Seven Springs Resort from July 30, 2010 to August 1, 2010. The nomination of Karley Biggs to attend the PBA YLD Conference was advanced by Victor Scomillio and seconded by Jackie Taschner. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Victor Scomillio. Motion carried unanimously.