

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
June 1, 2011**

The meeting, held at the Northampton County Bar Association offices, was then called to order by President Kerry Scott Freidl at 8:05 A.M.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers

- X Kerry Scott Freidl, President
- X Victor E. Scomillio, President Elect
- X Stanley J. Margle, III, Vice-President
- X Christopher M. Reid, Treasurer
- X Abraham P. Kassis, Secretary
- X Jacqueline M. Taschner, Past President

Board Members

- Kevin F. Danyi
- X Michael P. Shay
- X Alyssa Lopiano Reilly
- X Samuel P. Murray
- X Jessica Frisch Moyer
- X Matthew C. Potts
- Robert M. Donchez

Executive Director

- X Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jackie Taschner to approve the Minutes from the May 4, 2011 Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Victor Scomillio. Michael Shay inquired as to whether more detail could be given regarding the meeting with Judge Roscioli that was referenced to have occurred prior to the start of the May meeting. The undersigned advised that it was intentionally left out of the Minutes since it occurred prior to the Board of Governors Meeting being called to order. However, it was decided that it would be appropriate to expand upon the discussions held with Judge Roscioli by way of an Addendum to the Minutes for the May, 2011 Meeting. Upon reaching that decision, a Motion to Approve the submitted original Minutes passed. The proposed Addendum will be submitted for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Board was advised of the following correspondences that were received since the last meeting:

- A letter of thanks was received from John Thomas on behalf of Northampton County Community College for donating the Paralegal Award again this year.
- A note of thanks was received from Two Rivers Health & Wellness Fund for the \$100.00 contribution made by the Bar Association on behalf of Karl K. LaBarr.
- President Freidl reported to the Board that he had an opportunity to personally express the Board's willingness to work with Mr. Danyi on a difficulty that he was having on making the scheduled meetings.
- A correspondence was received from Erica Elisin, thanking the NCBA for the Paralegal Award received by her this year.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was not available for presentation to the Board due to the early date of the meeting this month. A reading of said report will be deferred until the next meeting on July 27, 2011.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mary Beth Leeson presented the following:

-Photographs for the new Bar Association Photo Directory are scheduled to occur on June 16, 17 and 20, 2011, at the Northampton County Bar Association offices. Notice has been sent out to all members to schedule an appropriate time to have their pictures taken throughout the day.

-A Bar Association outing has been planned for November 27, 2011, for a bus trip to the Philadelphia Eagles vs. New England Patriots football game scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. More information will follow to the membership regarding the sale of bus and game tickets.

-Information was received from Attorney Keene Jabbour regarding a former employee of the Bar Association, Hazel Mueser. Specifically, it was reported that her daughter has medical issues. Mary Beth Leeson stated that she would try to get more information before the next meeting and will send a card from the Association, if appropriate.

-A report was given on the final numbers regarding the Reception for the Court held in March, 2011. Of particular note was the finding that despite the lowering of costs for younger members of the Association, there was not a change in attendance of said members.

-The Board was again advised that a Bar outing was scheduled for a Philadelphia Phillies/New York Mets baseball game on July 16, 2011. Some tickets remain for the bus and game with the expectation that they would sell out prior to the event.

V. PROGRAMS

An update on the efforts of the Long-Range Planning Committee was provided regarding the option for the Association to acquire a building on West 5th Street in Easton. The Board was advised that Attorney Paul Harak was working with a realtor to purchase the property. The Board once again considered possible uses of the property such as a facility for both CLE courses and bar meetings. In light of those intended uses, it was once again agreed that a budget would need to be set for \$100,000 - \$150,000 for modifications and repairs to the building. A Motion was made by Chris Reid to authorize the committee to establish a ceiling of \$190,000 or less for the purchase of the building, with the understanding that \$100,000 - \$150,000 would be needed for repairs over and above the purchase price. The Motion was seconded by Jacqueline Taschner. An

amendment was made by Stan Margle, adding that the Committee should not disclose these amounts to the realtors or contractor. The amendment was accepted and the Motion carried unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board was advised that TD Bank has been interested in building a relationship with the Bar Association. It was decided that it would be worthwhile to explore such a possibility and Jessica Moyer indicated that she would contact the TD bank representative to discuss the details of any business that they would like to undertake with the NCBA.

A correspondence was received from Attorney Michael Deschler asking the membership to consider the possibility of contributing funds to the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley to aide with the continued housing counseling being offered to those who are going through mortgage foreclosures. Chris Reid indicated that he will determine the CACLV's need at a later time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Jessica Moyer and seconded by Victor Scmillio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.P. K.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

ABRAHAM P. KASSIS

Secretary