

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
July 27, 2011**

The meeting, held at the Northampton County Bar Association Office was called to order by President Kerry Scott Freidl at 8:07 a.m.

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers:

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

Board Members:

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

Executive Director:

- Mary Beth Leeson

I. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Governors dated June 1, 2011 were reviewed. A Motion was made by Victor Scomillio and Seconded by Jacqueline Taschner to approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion passed by Unanimous Vote.

II. ADDENDUM TO MAY 4, 2011 MINUTES:

The Addendum to the aforesaid Minutes was reviewed. A Motion was made by Victor Scomillio, Seconded by Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly to approve the Addendum. Motion carried by Unanimous Vote.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The following correspondence was noted as being received by President Kerry Freidl. They are as follows:

1. Letter from Senior Judge James C. Hogan thanking the Bar Association for the invitation to the Summer Outing;
2. Letter from Megan Azzalina as to the Award for her participation in the Mock Trial Competition;
3. Letter acknowledging the Bar Association for the Memorial of Karl LaBarr, Esquire;
4. Letter from Judge Paula Roscioli thanking the Board for an invitation to the Summer Outing, but declining due to vacation schedule; and
5. Letter from Attorney Stephen Kreglow suggesting new ideas with regard to the Mock Trial.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May and June. Upon Motion of Jacquelyn Taschner, Seconded by Robert Donchez, both Treasurer's Reports were approved by Unanimous Vote.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:

The following topics were reviewed by the Executive Director:

1. SUMMER OUTING – The comments with regard to the Summer Outing were generally favorable and, in particular, the new caterer was lauded;
2. PLEBISCITE - A plebiscite was reviewed with regard to the retention of Judge Smith of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County and Judge Simpson of the Commonwealth Court. The plebiscite demonstrated overwhelming support for the retention of both Judges;
3. JUDGES LAW CLERK’S RECEPTION – The Board discussed that it was unlikely that the Reception would take place this year. President Freidl offered to contact President Judge McFadden to ascertain interest on the part of the Court as to whether there should be a separate event for the Law Clerk Reception or whether it should be combined with another event. It was the feeling of the Board that the Reception should not be combined with the soiree.
4. YLD – The Bowl-a-Thon for Lance Wheeler’s daughter was discussed. There were also inquiries as to the manner in which the PBA dues are paid and our continued participation as a unit County.
5. The Executive Director Reported that a new Account has been opened with TD Bank;
6. DUES – A list of members and delinquencies were distributed;
7. Program for September 30, 2011 on the Right to Know Law was discussed; and
8. Upcoming September Program – Stan Margle is to ensure that we have a Speaker for the September Quarterly Meeting.

VI. BREAKFAST WITH LEGISLATORS:

President Freidl reported as to the success of the meeting with the Legislators and that topics of discussion included Pennsylvania Sales Tax as it applied to Legal Services; modification to existing Law with regard to Joint and Several Liability; and the importance of the Northampton County Reporter and the Legal Notices set forth in the Reporter.

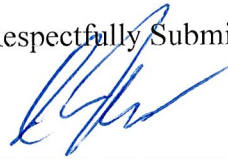
1. Miscellaneous – A discussion took place with regard to Northampton County Bar Association Dues and the previous Resolution of the Board of Governors rescinding its prior action to require payment of dues by the Judicial Law Clerks after the second year of forbearance. The consensus was that the By Laws Committee needs to make recommendations in this regard and there was a lack of consensus with regard to whether this issue needs to be brought to the General Membership; and

2. Judge Van Antwerpen – There was also a discussion with regard to United States Circuit Court Appeals Judge Van Antwerpen’s interest in an Ad Hoc Committee to retain the Federal Courthouse in Easton. President Freidl expressed the willingness to put together an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the viability of the Bar Association’s involvement in maintaining the existing Federal Courthouse in Easton in the Larry Holmes Building.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stanley J. Margle, III
Acting Secretary