

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of the Northampton County Bar Association, held at the Best Western Inn, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was called to order by President Kerry Scott Freidl at 6:05 P.M.

I. QUOROM: A Quorum was established. The following officers were present:

Officers

- X Kerry Scott Freidl, President
- X Victor E. Scmillio, 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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made for the approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2011, and September 15, 2011 Quarterly Association Meeting, which were made available to the membership. Motion for approval of the Minutes was made by Danny Cohen and seconded by Don Swan. Said Minutes were approved.

III. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New members were introduced by President Freidl to the Association membership in attendance. New members and their respective sponsors are as follows:

- Matthew J. Deschler, Esq. (sponsored by Holly Frompovicz and Stephanie J. Spencer)
- Eric K. Dowdle, Esq. (rejoining)
- Gretchen L. Geisser, Esq. (sponsored by Holly Frompovicz and Stephanie J. Spencer)
- Andrew P. Gould, Esq. (sponsored by Charles Bruno and Vitoria Opthof)
- Christine Lombardo-Zaun (sponsored by Victor Scmillio and Lisa Spitale)
- Matthew D. O'Donnell (sponsored by Daniel M. O'Connell and Thomas J. Maloney)
- Angelo M. Perrucci, Jr. (sponsored by Barbara Rush Renkert and J. Stephen Kreglow)
- Daniel A. Prestosh (sponsored by Lawrence B. Fox and Laura M. Tobey)

- Travis J. Savoia (sponsored by Victoria Opthof and Victor Scomillio)
- Nicole Stanzione Thomas (sponsored by Victor Scomillio and Kerry Freidl)
- Seth R. Tipton (sponsored by Brian R. Tipton and Veronica P. Hallett)

A Motion was made for acceptance of the new members by Joe Lupackino and seconded by Michael Thompson. The Motion was approved by the membership.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Freidl made the following announcements:

Members were reminded that the Ceremonial for Admissions was scheduled for Friday, December 2, 2011, at 1:15 p.m. in Courtroom #1 in Northampton County Courthouse. All members were encouraged to attend.

President Freidl reminded members in attendance to review the calendar of events for the current year and ask that everyone remain involved with the Bar Association.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

President Freidl did not have any correspondence to review.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chris Reid gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to approve it by Theresa Hogan and seconded by Don Swan. The report was approved unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joshua Fulmer spoke to the membership to update them on the Holiday Hope Chest Program, which received a \$1,500.00 donation from the Bar Association. He also announced that Stride-Rite and Payless contributed a number of boxes to the program. It was announced that over 300 boxes would be delivered to less fortunate children as a result of the hard efforts from the young lawyers who worked in this endeavor.

Mike Santanasto spoke to the membership regarding the YLD New Mentoring Program, which was being established to help newly admitted attorneys in the practice of law in Northampton County. It was announced that a mentor information form would be sent to Association members who were interested in participating in the program.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed at the meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A new slate of officers and board members was announced for the upcoming year. The following members were named:

President: Victor Scomillio

President Elect: Stan Margle

Vice President: Chris Reid

Treasurer: Abraham Kassis

Secretary: Alyssa Lopiano-Reilly

Past President: Kerry Freidl

Member: Michael Shay

New Member: Lisa Spitale

New Member: Thomas L. Walters

New Member: Joseph Yannuzzi

A vote was called for the acceptance of the new slate of appointees for the Board of Governors. Motion was made approving the slate by Richard Shiroff and seconded by Linda Shay Gardner. The motion to approve was passed unanimously.

Victor Scomillio presented the proposed 2012 budget and a discussion was held regarding the specific cost lines. Joel Scheer asked to be heard on the issue of whether the Bar Association should contribute more money to the PBA PACT to assist in lobbying efforts on behalf of the Bar Association. The Honorable William F. Moran joined in the request to increase the amount of money being contributed through the budget. Joel Scheer made a motion to increase the amount to \$5,000.00. The Motion was seconded by Michael Deschler. At that time, John Morganelli spoke to the membership regarding his opposition to the increase of the budgeted donation citing his concerns that the PBA PACT involves itself in social issues and not necessarily issues deemed to unite all Pennsylvania lawyers. After further discussion, the members agreed to increase the proposed budget line to \$5,000.00 for a total contribution to PBA PACT. A Motion was then made by Joel Scheer to authorize the Board to amend the budget to accommodate the increased change in the PBA PACT donation line, which was seconded by Michael Deschler. The vote passed by the majority. A Motion to pass the budget as amended was made by Ellen Kraft and seconded by Michael Deschler. The majority of the membership voted to pass this motion.

Stan Margle spoke to the Resolution which was copied to all members of the Bar Association calling for an appointment of a United States District Judge to serve in the unused Federal Court in Easton, Pennsylvania. After some discussion, the Honorable William F. Moran made a Motion to amend the resolution to change and correct the name of Arlen Specter at the bottom of page two to Patrick Toomey, the current United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

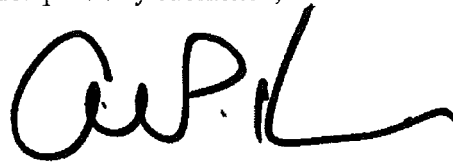
That motion was accepted and seconded by Don Swan. The membership voted unanimously to approve the Resolution.

Prior to adjournment, Ellen Kraft spoke to the attending members to express her gratitude and year of service provided by Kerry Freidl as president of the Bar Association. The attending members joined in her acclamation of President Freidl's execution of office.

X. ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Freidl at 6:35 P.M. upon motion of Philip M. Hof, which was seconded by Don Swan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.P. Kassis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ABRAHAM P. KASSIS
Secretary