

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
February 3, 2021**

The Board of Governors meeting was virtually held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:34p.m. by President McGuire. An Agenda for the meeting was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. Members of the Board of Governors in attendance were as follows:

ATTENDEES (as marked):

Officers:

- Maura Zajac McGuire, President
- Paul J. Harak, President-Elect
- Steven B. Molder, Vice President
- Jeremy Clark, Treasurer
- Rebecca J. Kulik, Secretary
- Robert Eyer, Past President

Board Members:

- Tyree Blair
- David Ceraul
- Erika Farkas
- Jill McComsey
- Richard Santee
- Douglas Tkacik
- Dennis Winegar

Executive Director:

- Mary Beth Leeson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on January 6, 2021, were circulated for review. Ceraul made a motion to approve the minutes and Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Clark reported that the balance of all NCBA accounts as of January 31, 2021 was \$1,301,052.75, a decrease from last year. Leeson reported that dues have been received from approximately 60% of members so far. McGuire accepted the budget for audit.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leeson reported on the following matters:

1. The Bench Bar Conference has been postponed and will be held in September 2022 in Washington, D.C.
2. The issue of whether the annual Reception for the Court should be held in Fall 2021 will be referred to the committee for consideration.
3. The next Foundation event will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
4. The resolution passed by the membership at the Annual Meeting related to House Bill 38 was sent to our local legislators. Representative Samuelson reached out to McGuire, thanking her for the resolution and informing her that he voted against House Bill 38.
5. Board members should promptly sign and return conflict of interest forms to NCBA.
6. The Young Lawyers Division is working on a year-long program that will address topics such as financial planning and health and wellness. All members are encouraged to attend.
7. Members are encouraged to participate in NCBA's "Build a Snowman" contest.
8. The next Quarterly Meeting, scheduled for March 11, 2021 via Zoom, will include a CLE program.
9. The next Board of Governor's meeting, scheduled for March 3, 2021, will be held virtually via Zoom due to continuing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic.

V. PROGRAMS

Molder is working on securing a speaker for the March 11, 2021 quarterly meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The membership donated approximately \$10,000.00 to the Foundation to support the Holiday Hope Chest project in late 2020.

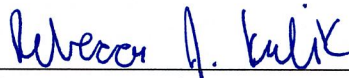
VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of applying for a Payment Protection Program loan. Clark made a motion that NCBA not apply for such a loan. Harak seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. A discussion was held about member concerns related to the steps being taken at the courthouse to ensure the public's safety during the pandemic. The Board is awaiting more information on this issue.
3. Member Lucas Repka joined the meeting to present an issue concerning the unauthorized practice of law by an individual in Northampton County. After discussion, McComsey made a motion to refer this issue to the Northampton County District Attorney's Office. The motion was seconded by Farkas. The motion passed. Santee abstained from discussion and voting on this issue. Repka exited the meeting at the conclusion of this topic.
4. The annual CCBL conference is scheduled to take place virtually on February 25, 2021. A discussion was held about who is attending and whether they would like to watch the conference as a group.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clark. The motion was seconded by Tkacik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca J. Kulik, Secretary