

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives
Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey
November 21, 2013

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm

Attending: Deanna Mindler, Bucks County; Dan Levering, CLE Board; Diane Krivoniak, Westmoreland County; Susan Wolf, Lebanon County; Mary Beth Leeson, Northampton County; Laurie Besden, LCL-PA; Elizabeth Kramer, PBA; Dave Blaner, Allegheny County; Jennifer Pulice, Allegheny County; Nicole Antos, PBA; Susan Kost, Schuylkill County; Mark Tarasiewicz, Philadelphia County; Ken Shear, Philadelphia County; Nancy Paul, Montgomery County; Sandra Brydon Smith, Erie County; Fran O'Rourke, PBA; Kathy Sabol, Washington County; Wendy Hoffman, Chester County; Janis Hackett, Butler County; Jessica Engel, Lycoming County

Attending by phone: Victoria Connor, York County; Hollyce Winters, Centre County

Introduction of new Bar Executives Mark Tarasiewicz & Hollyce Winters.

Bruce Fleischer did not attend; he is enjoying retirement.

Report on donation in memory of Louis Paul to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes from May 9, 2013, were circulated and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Financials were circulated by Fran and approved.

New Business:

Committee Reports

1. Scholarships

Report on 3 scholarships given for the NABE Conference/PABE Retreat in San Francisco. The scholarships totaled \$2,000 and were split between JoEllen Thomas, Sandy Brydon Smith, and Wendy Hoffman.

The next event is CCBL, and scholarships will be available.

The NABE Small Bar Conference is scheduled for June 27 & 28, 2014, in Pittsburgh.

2. Communications: No Report

3. Legal Journals: Meeting will follow at 3:00 pm

4. Membership

Wendy handed out new directories (honoring Don Smith;
Mentoring: new map handed out

5. Nominating

David Blaner is Chair. Next year we will be looking for new Treasurer for 2015. Short discussion was had on making the Treasurer position a longer position or a five year term. To be discussed further.

6. 2013 Retreat:

Mary Beth Leeson reported that the San Francisco trip was a great time, the NABE seminars were very interesting, and the luncheon where Dave Blaner was installed as NABE President was terrific. There was also discussion regarding the "gavel passing" procedure, and mention that the lunch & bus trip were great.

2014 retreat: NABE Small Bar Conference is 6-27 & 28, 2014, at the Omni William Penn in Pittsburgh. A decision was made to piggyback the PABE Retreat onto the NABE Small Bar Conference, and begin Thursday, June 26.

Wendy Hoffman made a Motion to Sponsor \$1500 for a speaker (Ellen Freedman) for the NABE Small Bar Conference, and/or for Thursday night entertainment for PABE retreat (perhaps \$750 each). Nancy Paul seconded. Motion carried.

7. Education/Programming: No Report.

Other Reports

1. CCBL:

Nicole Antos reported on CCBL, which will be held February 27 to March 1, 2014. See Nicole for tentative schedule. Lou Losoncy is opening speaker; CCBL is looking for a PABE sponsorship of \$1000.

Nancy Paul moved to give \$1000 to sponsor speaker at CCBL. Mary Beth Leeson seconded. Motion carried.

Scheduled update on bar insurance options on Saturday. Pass along any ideas for topics to Kathy Sabol, Nancy Paul, Nicole Antos.

2. IOLTA: Stephanie Libhart reported for IOLTA, which has been declared as on the brink of being declared a "financially unhealthy organization." Over the past 5 years, there's been a 74% decrease in income. IOLTA grants will be down from 5 million to 3 million in 2014. A plan is in place to return IOLTA to health within the next couple of years.

3. Legislative Report: Steven Loux reported that the Senator Robbins bill to further protect legal journals has been amended in our favor. Things looking good for journals right now. Steve gave thanks to Sandy Brydon Smith for her help on the tax sale notice issue.
4. CLE Board: Dan Levering reported on the annual Provider Conference – it's turned into Professional Development seminar. Next year's will be held in either May or June 2014. Informationally, they also offer an Accredited Provider training session. The issue of receiving CLE credit for pro bono service is still in a holding pattern.
5. PBI: Dick McCoy was not present. Kathy Sabol reported that the Mechanicsburg facility is being renovated. When completed, it will be easier for questions to be given to the speaker and for satellite attendees to hear the questions from audience. Diane Krivoniak also reported that the number of PBI CLE attendees has been dropping. We'll be seeing an increased presence on social media. PBI is celebrating 50 years.
6. PBA: Fran: O'Rourke reported that the PBA budget passed for 2014. Diversity plan passed the Board. Lots of issues for House of Delegates tomorrow.
7. LCL: Laurie Besden reported that LCL is available to come speak to our county bars.

Sam Milkes reported that typically PLAN holds reception evening of CCBL. This will happen again in 2014, invites will go out, but please remember to plan for PLAN. Sam also reported on financial status of Legal services and House Bill 1337, and Senate Judiciary Hearings across the Commonwealth.

Kathy Sabol reported on Legal Services Corp Meeting (LSC) in Pittsburgh.

Kathy Sabol questioned whether we should have a PABE meeting at CCBL? Decision: we'll wait and see if there is business to conduct.

Old/Unfinished Business: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Engel
PABE Secretary