

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
May 10, 2012, 2:30 pm

M I N U T E S

Present: Carolyn Seiber-Drager, Franklin County; Jessica Engel, Lycoming County; Deanna Mindler, Bucks County; Al Azen, IOLTA; Stephanie Fibhart, IOLTA; Becky Morgenthal, Cumberland County; Mary Beth Leeson, Northampton County; Nicole Antos, PBA; Elizabeth Kramer, PBA; Evelyn Albert, Lancaster County; Victoria Connor, York County; Susan Wolf, Lebanon County; Denise Burdge, Monroe County; Don Smith, Berks County; Ken Shear, Philadelphia County; Liz Simcox, Dauphin County; Susan Kost, Schuylkill County; Diane Krivoniak, Westmoreland County; Kathy Sabol, Washington County; Nancy Paul, Montgomery County; Matt Crème, PBA; Sandra Brydon Smith, Erie County; Fran O'Rourke, PBA; Barry Simpson, PBA; William Baldwin, Delaware County, Bruce Fleischer, Centre County

The Meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm.

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of 2-23-12: No minutes were provided.

Review and Acceptance of Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report: The Financial Statements were reviewed and the Treasurer made a short report. Evelyn Albert moved to approve the Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report; Becky Morgenthal seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

PBA President Matt Crème presented short remarks on the end of his PBA presidency and thanked the members of PABE for their cooperation over the past year.

Summer Retreat: Remarks from PABE President Carolyn Seibert-Drager as to the location. The Hotel Warner (West Chester), \$119 night +tax, is a third option, after Bedford Springs and Nemaquin. Original dates of August 16, 17 & 18 are available at Hotel Warner. Kathy Sabol made a Motion that The Hotel Warner be selected as the site for the PABE Retreat on August 16-18, with an alternate backup plan evaluated somewhere else in the event the hotel is not finished. Diane Krivoniak seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Retreat Programming: Wendy Hoffman and Deanna Mindler volunteered to take responsibility for planning facilities, and Denise Burdge and Diane Krivoniak volunteered to take responsibility for educational programming. They will solicit additional help as needed from the membership.

Website: New PABE Website is up and running, thanks to Jennifer Pulice. Address is www.pabe.info. All members are asked to review the Resource Guide and Survival Guide and suggest changes,

modifications, additions, etc., by the end of May, 2012. Responses should go to Carolyn Seibert-Drager, PABE President.

Other Reports:

Al Azen from IOLTA reported on a new IRS Section that affects law offices that accept credit card payments, even if the payments go to IOLTA/ or Trust accounts. In 2013, if the Tax ID does not match law firm's – there's a risk of a 28% penalty. Currently all IOLTA accounts have IOLTA'S tax ID number – not the law firm's – CONFUSING! Law firms should be aware. Al provided an article for circulation to Bar Associations' memberships.

PBA Reports: Dues increase of \$10 for 2013 going to HOD tomorrow (Fran & Barry) although \$20 was initially asked for. It is expected that there will be a budget shortfall (Barry), and that the issue will be raised again for 2014.

Carolyn reported on PBA Board Meeting:

Voted to continue discount for legal services attorneys for 3 more years

Looked at grant requests; grants committee will meet in 2 weeks, results will be reported by mid-June.

Discussion on whether to give substantive law sections voting rights

Carolyn reported that CLE people couldn't be present, but not to forget about PACLE Provider's Conference in June.

Open Discussion

Don Smith: attended legal services for public meeting re: voter id photo issue. Berks County has started an outreach program, and Don has offered his info to all bar associations and will circulate on listserv.

Kathy Sabol questioned Nancy Paul on the dissolution of their PAC for candidates. Nancy's response was that it was simply not beneficial, as donations were not being made.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Engel,
Treasurer, PABE