

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives  
Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 2010, Hershey, PA

The May 13, 2010 meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives held in Hershey, PA was called to order at 2:35pm by PABE President David Blaner with 30 members present: Suellen Verlihay (Beaver), Don Smith (Berks), Deanne Mindler (Bucks), Wendy Hoffman (Chester), Becky Morgenthal (Cumberland), Don Morgan (Dauphin), Sandra Brydon Smith (Eric), Marianne Miele (Fayette), Carolyn Seibert-Drager (Franklin), Jason Morrison (Lackawanna), Evelyn Sullivan (Lancaster), Dena Woelfling (Lebanon), Dan Labert (Lehigh), Jessica Engel (Lycoming), Susan Kenny (Monroe), Nancy Paul (Montgomery), Mary Beth Leeson (Northampton), Jennifer Ellis (PBI), Dan Levering (PA CLE Board), Katey Buggy (PA CLE Board), Al Azen (PA IOLTA Board), Elizabeth Kramer (PBA), Nevin Mindlin (PBA), Michelle Shuker (PBA), Susan Kost (Schuylkill), Kathy Sabol (Washington), Diane Krivoniak (Westmoreland), Joe Burke (Wilkes-Barre), Cindy Van Laeys (York).

Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the February 5, 2010 PABE meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Wendy Hoffman reviewed the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet statements; she will ascertain if PABE needs to file a 990-N, since our assets are under \$25,000. The report shall be filed for audit.

Annual Retreat Committee report. Plans for the retreat to be held August 20-21, 2010 in Gettysburg are well under way. Members were urged to book their rooms. The committee is working with members of the Education & Program committee to plan substantive portions of the event; Jennifer Ellis requested to be added to the Education committee.

**PABE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Communications Committee report. Chair Carolyn Seibert-Drager indicated that the committee's first project will be to work on the PABE website.

Legal Journals Committee. Chair Sandy Brydon Smith reported that the Conference of County Legal Journals has scheduled a meeting.

Membership Committee. Chair Wendy Hoffman circulated a draft of the membership directory and asked members to update their information.

PABE Executive Committee. Officers are reviewing a draft PABE Policy & Procedures Manual.

Scholarships Committee. Chair Diane Krivoniak encouraged PABE members to apply for the NABE Small Bar Conference by June 1.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

IOLTA Report. The IOLTA Board has developed a "Banking on Justice" program for banks that have agreed to pay premium yields on IOLTA accounts. Al Azen reported that applicants for IOLTA grants should know by the end of June after recommendations have been approved by the IOLTA Board and the Supreme Court.

Legislation Update. Nevin Mindlin reported on HB351, Constitutional Convention, Court funding and sales tax issues. Bill Carlucci will chair the PBA-PAC for an additional two years.

PA CLE Board. Members were encouraged to attend the upcoming provider conference. Distance learning increased 5.5% from 2007-2009. Feedback on the “new” Bridge the Gap program was solicited.

PBI Update. Jennifer Ellis provided a report on behalf of Dick McCoy and noted that there is now an online webinar to assist attorneys in using the InCite program. There were 120 simulcasts in 2009, with “okay, but not great” attendance, and 300 live and telephone seminars. A great deal of content including answers to commonly asked questions is available on PBI’s Facebook page.

PBA Update. Turnout for the Day on the Hill was low, with a format change to be explored. PBA continues to explore the possibility of publishing a legal journal in counties which currently do not do so. Membership has decreased 1,000, particularly among the YLD and in the Philadelphia area. The “regular” annual dues increase is not “playing well” and the PBA continues to explore other non-dues revenue opportunities. The PBA plans to propose at the November 2010 House meeting the additional of an “Affiliate” membership category to include magisterial district justices, court administration personnel, etc. There was a \$50,000-70,000 shortfall in funding for the National Mock Trial competition, but donations continue to arrive.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Sabol, PABE Secretary