

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives
Minutes of the May 5, 2011 Meeting

The May 5, 2011 meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives, held at the Sheraton Philadelphia City Center was called to order by President Dave Blaner at 3:11pm with 26 members present: Dan Labert, Lehigh; Suellen Verlihay, Beaver; Don Smith, Berks; Lucy Wolf, Blair; Deanne Mindler, Bucks; Janis Hackett, Butler; Wendy Hoffman, Chester; Becky Morgenthal, Cumberland; Michelle Shuker, Dauphin; Sandy Brydon-Smith, Erie; Carolyn Seibert-Drager, Franklin; Evelyn Sullivan, Lancaster; Susan Wolf, Lebanon; Jessica Engel, Lycoming; Susan Kenny, Monroe; Nancy Paul, Montgomery; Mary Beth Leeson, Northampton; Nevin Mindlin, PBA; Fran O'Rourke, PBA; Nicole Antos, PBA; Barry Simpson, PBA; Ken Shear, Philadelphia; Susan Kost, Schuylkill; Kathy Sabol, Washington; and Diane Krivoniak, Westmoreland. Superior Court Judge Susan Gantman, Matt Crème, Sam Milkes and Gretchen Mundorff, guests.

Secretary's Report. The Minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report. The PABE Financial Statements were reviewed. The 990-N postcard will be filed by May 15. Treasurer Hoffman will move approximately \$5,000 from the checking account to the money market account.

Old Business. Ad Hoc Unit County Task Force comprised of Becky Morgenthal, Ev Sullivan, Diane Krivoniak and Jessica Engel has not yet met.

New Business & Committee Reports:

ANNUAL RETREAT COMMITTEE. Chair Becky Morgenthal reported that the retreat will be held in Erie the weekend of August 21, 2011.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. President Blaner reported that Chair Jenn Pulice is working on the website and a possible PABE newsletter.

LEGAL JOURNAL COMMITTEE. Report will be provided during the following Conference of County Legal Journal Committee meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Chair Wendy Hoffman reported that PABE dues invoices will be sent by email. Upon motion, second and unanimous vote, Wendy was authorized to spend up to \$250 to preserve the article written about Liz Price on a plaque, which would be presented by PABE to the Delaware County Bar Association.

PROGRAM & EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Chair Kathy Sabol reported that Jennifer Lewin will be the keynote speaker for the PABE Retreat to be held in August. There will be a County Bar Roundtable at the MidYear Meeting in January in Puerto Rico – those PABE members attending the MYM were encouraged to submit topic ideas for discussion.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. Chair Diane Krivoniak will send to PABE members scholarship information for the upcoming retreat and ABA Small Bar Conference.

Other Reports of Interest to the Membership:

IOLTA BOARD REPORT. Justin Johnson will be serving on the IOLTA Board. The board is working to preserve the amount of current filing fees and extending the temporary filing fee.

LEGISLATION. Nevin Mindlin and others reported that SB 804/805 as introduced preserves notice by legal journals; Joint and Several Liability legislation is being considered by the Senate (already passed the House); and other bills impacting Title 15 and 45 still in play. Those who attended Day on the Hill were pleased with the program, and conveyed that legislators are still having conversations about legal advertising in newspapers, notice via internet, and e-publishing.

PBA UPDATE. Barry Simpson reported that the incoming PBA President, Matt Creme, would be pleased to receive invitations to County Bar events, and County Bars were encouraged to add events to the PBA calendar to avoid conflicts. The House is expected to pass a \$10 dues increase. The PBA Annual Meeting will be May 9-11, 2012 and the Mid-Year Meeting will be January 26-29, 2012. It was noted that David Blaner will be ascending to the NABE presidency in August 2013 in San Francisco.

PBI UPDATE. There are now approximately 100 simulcast sites. Paul Troy will be the PBI board president.

PBA BOARD OF GOVERNERS MEETING REPORT. Carolyn Seibert-Drager reported that Bill Carlucci reported that the PAC will be underfunded in 24 months. Outgoing PBA President Gretchen Mundorff expressed her thanks for the support of the County bars during her tenure.

PA LEGAL AID NETWORK (PLAN). Sam Milkes reported that 15 counties have mortgage foreclosure diversion plans, and the APOC is encouraging more Courts to develop them.

OTHER INFORMATION. Judge Gantman informed attendees that en banc Superior Court sessions can be scheduled in local counties with permission from the county's President Judge and the county Bar Association.

Prior to adjourning at 4:20pm, it was noted that Susan Kenney will be retiring as Executive Director of the Monroe County Bar Association in the fall of 2011 and that a reception will be held in her honor following the November PABE meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen L. Sabol, PABE Secretary