

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

May 15, 2014

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

Attending: Kathy Sabol, Washington County; Becky Morgenthal, Cumberland County; Sam Milkes, Cumberland/Dauphin County; Susan Wolf, Lebanon County; Nancy Paul, Montgomery County; Liz Simcox, Dauphin County; Don Smith, "The" Berks County; Diane Krivoniak, Westmoreland County; Mark Tarasiewicz, Philadelphia County; Amelia Ambrose, Franklin County; Ellen Freedman, PBA; Barry Simpson, PBA; Nicole Antos, PBA; Stephanie Libhart, IOLTA; Jennifer Pulice, Allegheny County; Susan Kost, Schuylkill County; Ray Bridgeman, Lehigh County; Hollyce Winters, Centre County; Deanna Mindler, Bucks County; Debra Arner, Mercer County; Janis Hackett, Butler County, Fran O'Rourke, PBA; Sandra Brydon Smith, Erie County; Jessica Engel, Lycoming County; Victoria Connor, York County.

Introduction of new member Amelia Ambrose was made.

There was no Executive Committee report.

The Minutes of the November 21, 2013, meeting were submitted, and with the correction to add Becky Morgenthal as having been present at the meeting, the Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was made and approved.

Committee Reports / Other Reports (out of order):

PBA:

1. Ellen Freedman reported on a price increase for seminars. Ellen will be sending a price update, as well as an updated course offering. Feel free to contact her with questions, etc. Will it be possible to Skype in? Maybe. Webinars possible. Software instruction possible. All kinds of options available to eliminate travel. Discussion had re: penalty for western part of state pricing.
2. Barry Simpson, PBA, addressed concerns from western part of state, as well as the new Diversity Officer (Trent), and diversity issues throughout PBA. The biggest news is the replacement of InCite with Casemaker. PBA has switched to Casemaker; InCite contract ends 7-31-14; Casemaker starts 8-01-14. Casemaker has a citator like Shephards, and the help person is a Casemaker employee totally dedicated (unlike InCite's help person who was a non-dedicated Lexis employee). Casemaker will be able to send a trainer to our bars to offer CLE, as well as offer a significant savings to PBA. Minor discussion was held on the pay-as-you-go dues model. Other membership issues discussed.

IOLTA: Stephanie Libhart mentioned the new campaign to recognize lawyers and firms that bank with platinum leader banks (higher IOLTA benefit); see IOLTA website for list of platinum leader banks; IOLTA awards will be announced probably in June.

Scholarships: Diane Krivoniak reported that there is a PABE \$500 scholarship available for the NABE Small Bar Conference in Pittsburgh. Email Diane for info/application procedures. NABE has a scholarship available also.

President: Kathy Sabol reminded everyone of the upcoming NABE Small Bar Conference being held in Pittsburgh June 27 and 28, and also mentioned that there may be a tour of a facility scheduled in the Fall for PABE.

Nominating: Kathy Sabol will serve a second year as president, Wendy Leeper serves a second year as Vice President, Fran O'Rourke will serve as Secretary, and Don Smith comes in as Treasurer. Jessica Engel removed herself from nomination slate for personal reasons.

Membership: a new updated PABE directory was distributed.

Communications: no report.

CCBL: Nicole reported that CCBL will be held February 26 to 28, 2015.

Education/Programming: no report.

Legislation: Nancy Paul reported on SB 76, the Sales Tax issue, and said she felt it probably won't happen anytime soon.

PBI: Dick McCoy was not present. Diane Krivoniak reported that PBI suffered a \$740,000 loss last year. PBI also hired a new person who is going to clean up the website.

CLE Board: Liz Simcox reminded us of the CLE Providers Conference being held in Harrisburg on June 6, 2014, at the Radisson. Also mentioned the ability for lawyers to obtain credits has increased from 4 to 6 in distance learning, and the ethics requirement has been raised from 1 to 2.

Board of Governors: Kathy Sabol reported that PBA dues and finance committee issues will be the big issue at the House of Delegates meeting tomorrow.

There was no old/unfinished business.

The Meeting was adjourned 3:21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Engel, Secretary
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