

Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives
Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown
May 9, 2013, 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Kathy Sabol (Washington), Jessica Engel (Lycoming), Debra Arner (Mercer), Janis Hackett (Butler), Suellen Verlihay (Beaver), JoEllen Thomas (Lawrence), Sandy Brydon Smith (Erie), Nicole Antos (PBA), Richard McCoy (PBI), Liz Simcox (Dauphin), Sam Milkes (PLAN), Addie Nardi (Franklin), David Trevaskis (PBA), David Blaner (Allegheny), Wendy Hoffman (Chester), Deanna Mindler (Bucks), Becky Morgenthal (Cumberland), Diane Krivoniak (Westmoreland), Don Smith (Berks), Susan Kost (Schuylkill), Dan Levering (CLE Board), Mary Beth Leeson (Northampton), Ray Bridgeman (Lehigh), Stephanie Libhart (IOLTA), Fran O'Rourke (PBA), Elizabeth Kameen (Pike), Barry Simpson (PBA)

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm.

Executive Committee Report: Kathy Sabol reported on donation to PBA; approved \$1000 to CCBL to apply to luncheon speaker.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from 11-15-12 provided and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Fran O'Rourke made report. Accepted as distributed.

New Business:

Committees/Reports

1. Scholarships – no report.
2. Communications – no report. Let Nicole know if you're having issues with website.
3. Legal Journals – CCLJ meeting this afternoon.
4. Membership – New Directory handed out. Provide any changes or better pictures to Wendy Hoffman ASAP.

Mentoring – mentoring map for all the new directors provided to assist them in their new positions.
5. Nominations – no report, but David Blaner will serve as chair next year.
6. 2013 Retreat will be held in conjunction with the NABE Conference Aug 7-10. Dave Blaner will be installed as NABE president at that meeting. Dave Blaner is requesting sponsorship for the President's Reception on Thursday afternoon in the amount of \$2000. Sandy Brydon Smith moved, JoEllen Thomas seconded, that PABE contribute \$2000 toward the President's Reception in San Francisco at the NABE Conference when Dave Blaner is installed as President. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Education/programming – Insurance seminar this afternoon. Nancy Paul mentioned having some regional meetings throughout the state – asked for some polling. Discussion was had about subjects (technology, journal info, etc.) as well as locations and ability to call in to meetings to save travel time. JoEllen Thomas & Wendy Hoffman volunteered to assist Nancy on Education and Programming.

Other reports

1. CCBL – CCBL President Joe Curcillo & several Allegheny County lawyers presented Dave Blaner with his Arthur J. Birdsall Award, as he was unable to be present at CCBL in February. Dave made some grateful remarks.

Nicole mentioned that CCBL planning committee is meeting in June instead of September this year. Be aware in case issues need to be brought to the committee.

Dates of CCBL 2014: Feb 27-March 1, in State College.

2. IOLTA – Stephanie Libhart introduced herself. Brought up Loan Assistance Repayment Program that is having great success.
3. Legislation – no report
4. CLE Board – Dan Levering reported on upcoming Provider Conference June 14, 2013. Reported on report and recommendation re: rule changes out for comment re: juvenile law. Special CLE training may be required for Juvenile masters. CLE Board is going to add this to their availability...compliance required 2 years for adoption. Out for comment now.

Issue on CLE radar: whether CLE credit should be awarded for performing pro bono service. In a holding pattern right now.

5. PBI – Dick McCoy announced Don Smith was elected to PBI Board of Directors (now a voting member). We may want to appoint a new liaison. Diane Krivoniak volunteered to serve as new liaison. Diane will coordinate with PBI.
6. PBA/Board of Governors – Kathy Sabol reported that the meeting on Wednesday was LONG. It included a discussion of revision to dues waiver. YLD has been making great strides in signing of law school students in the student category. Local bars may be hearing from PBA YLD about this issue – whether law school students are planning to go back to their hometowns to practice and whether they would like to network in their home counties.
7. PLAN – Sam Milkes – Senate Judiciary committee is holding hearings on Pro Bono currently and state of legal services. Also wanted to comment that because of funding issues, offices have closed, staff has been laid off, PLAN recognizes the need for them to continue to work with the legislature. Interest rates are down IOLTA rates are down.
8. Dave Trevaskis – seconded Sam's comments. Gave thanks to PABE members for continuous help and work. Pro Bono CLE on 5-14-13 has good sign-up response, but there are hopes for even better next year.
9. LCL/Ken Hagreen – a written report was provided.

Old Business: No old business.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica A. Engel,
Secretary, PABE