NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Friday, June 29, 2018
Woodstock Inn and Resort, Woodstock, VT

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Scott H. Harris
David W. McGrath
Edward D. Philpot, Jr.
Robert R. Howard III
Christopher T. Regan
Paul Chant
Christopher Marshall
Danielle Y. Vanderzanden
Richard C. Guerriero, Jr.
Marcie Hornick
Susan A. Lowry
Lanea A. Witkus

Lisa English
Catherine Ruffle
Jennifer L. Parent
Andrew Hamilton
Terri Harrington
Denice DeStefano
Ginny Martin
Joanne Hinnendael
Jennifer Pinekney
Paula Lewis
Deborah J. Hawkins

A meeting notice reminder, link to preliminary agenda and related materials were emailed June 21st. Additional materials were distributed June 29th. The agenda is duplicated below in order of consideration of agenda items. Unless otherwise noted, all motions reported are deemed to have been appropriately proposed, seconded and voted upon by those present.

A. Call to Order

The regular session of the June 29, 2018 Board of Governors meeting was called to order by President Scott Harris at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

B. LAP Wellness Program and Promotion

Terri Harrington, the new director the New Hampshire Lawyers’ Assistance program shared her background prior to assuming this position. She was formerly a contract attorney, then public defender in Maine, as well as an associate to a solo practitioner and finally had her own solo practice. She spoke of her experiences, both of her own stress when working as an attorney, and with stressed and impaired attorneys. She was unaware of the resources available through the NHLAP and the NHBA. Terri is learning that many NH attorneys think that LAP only has resources for attorneys experiencing drug and alcohol programs. She realized she had a branding problem after the NHBA Midyear Meeting where only people in recovery stopped by her exhibit. Terri has set a goal of including more wellness programming and would like to collaborate with the NHBA. Denice shared a memo with the Board describing ways that the NHBA can partner with her program, noting that most will be implemented by the Director of Marketing and Communications and the new Executive Director. There was general discussion about using both the ABA and other state’s resources as
a model and the importance of checking with NH attorneys about what programming they would utilize.

C. **LRS & Modest Means – Amended Rules**

Ginny Martin

This item was discussed at last month’s Board meeting, and is being presented for action today. Ginny shared that the program had a banner year despite being understaffed. They feel it would be beneficial to clarify the rules for both clients and attorneys. The rules clarify timeframes as well disciplinary procedures. Ginny stated that it is rare that attorneys are removed from the panel. Scott inquired about ways the board of governors could support the program. There was discussion about expanding capacity if the business supported it.

**ACTION**

On motion to approve the LRS and Modest Means rules as presented. Passed. Unanimously.

D. **Pro Bono Board Appointments**

Ginny Martin

Seeking reappointment of the following for 3-year terms (5/31/21):

- Attorney Rory J. Parnell, Londonderry
- Attorney Philip H. Utter, Manchester
- Attorney Roger B. Phillips, Concord

**ACTION**

On motion to reappoint these three individuals to the Pro Bono Governing Board, each for a 3-year term. Passed. Unanimously.

E. **Appointments to Section Study Group**

Ed Philpot

Ed has made some calls, but hasn’t connected with anyone yet. He is looking for two volunteers from the Board of Governors, as well as some others that are involved in sections. He will reach out to prospective volunteers. The mission of this group is to examine how sections are operated and organized, as well as how to retire inactive sections. The other issue to be reviewed is the provision of continuing legal education by sections. It is felt there may be untapped income potential. Ed expects the work of this study group to be of limited duration.

F. **Appointment to Commission to Address Child Hunger in NH**

Scott Harris

(established by SB 484, CH 145:1; one member of NHBA, appointed by the Association)

Scott was contacted by the clerk of the Senate regarding this appointment. Marcie Hornick volunteered to serve.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

G. **Member Services & Outreach Work Group**

- Law Office Back-up Plan – Project Update

Lanee Witkus

Lanee stated that the program is ready to begin operation. It will function without a lot of staff time, she said. The board received the process outline and copy of back-up plan form. It will be rolled out in the next year.
H. Presentation & Roll-out of Strategic Planning Plan
   Ed Philpot
   To be presented at BOG Orientation Meeting on 9/25/18

   This is on the agenda for the September 25th meeting. Ed shared that he met with the
   management team last week to continue the sustainability work. The plan is to present a series
   of NHBA program overviews and rankings at the September meeting as well. He thanked the
   management team for driving this process and keeping it moving along.

I. President’s Report
   Scott Harris

   The candidate for Executive Director has accepted the position and an announcement will be
   made at Saturday night’s banquet. Scott thanked the Board for their participation.
   He also gave special thanks to Denice for her assistance.

   Scott also spoke about the success of the LRE project ‘Beyond High School’, and the role of it
   in promoting the “rule of law”. He thanked the staff for their hard work on the project.

J. Acting Director’s Report
   Denice DeStefano

   ▪ 2018 NHBA Events Calendar

   Denice called the board’s attention to Lawline 2019 dates that need hosts. Please
   contact Sheila (svermacy@nhbar.org) if interested.

   ▪ Bar Center Activity Updates

   Denice shared that 13,000 copies of Beyond High School were delivered to NH schools.
   The next phase is to get them in the hands of homeless 18-year-olds, and those in foster
   care.

   She also noted that we have received many positive comments about this year’s
   member renewal process.

   ▪ Upcoming Pro Bono Activities and Updates
     Ginny Martin

     □ 40th Anniversary of Pro Bono Celebration – 9/12/18 at Manchester Country
       Club: Denice asked the board members to please calendar this date. This
       will take place before the Bar Foundation Dinner scheduled at the same time
       and place.

     □ Pro Bono Golf Tournament – 8/9/18 Lake Sunapee Country Club: Board
       members are urged to participate.

     □ Pro Bono Donations raised through Dues Check-off Box: To date, $20,000 has
       been raised through the dues check off box. Ginny explained that there is a button on
       the web site that people can also use to donate.
CONSENT ITEMS:

K. Membership Status Changes for May and June 2018

The board received the membership status changes, which are attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

L. Minutes of May 17, 2018 Meeting

The board approved the minutes as presented.

M. Ethics Committee Opinion #2017-18/2
Conflicts Arising from DeBenedetto Disclosures

The Board received Ethics Committee Opinion #2017-18/2: Conflicts Arising from DeBenedetto Disclosures

ACTION

On motion to accept the consent agenda. Passed. Unanimously.

N. Board Recognition and Welcome to New Board Members in Attendance

Scott welcomed new board members Lisa English and Catherine Ruffle. Lisa works in the Attorney General’s office as chief of the civil bureau. Catherine is currently the clerk of the Superior Court in Cheshire County. She was formerly Merrimack County deputy attorney.

Plaques were presented to outgoing board members Paul Chant and Chris Marshall. Sarah Lavoie will also be leaving the board. The following returning board members also received plaques; Rob Howard, Chris Regan, Dani Vanderzanden and Lanea Witkus. Also returning, but not present at the meeting were Peter Hutchins, Kristin Fields, Jim Cowles, Dan Will, and Cathy Shanelaris. Jennifer Parent will be returning as the NHBA Association ABA Delegate.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 29, 2018 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Deborah J. Hawkins, for
Robert R. Howard, III, Secretary
Membership Status Changes  
Presented to the Board of Governors June 29, 2018

Active to **INACTIVE:**

21133 Abou-Mitri, Marielle, Windham, NH (effective June 7, 2018)  
8751 Andrews, John B., Rochester, NH (effective May 31, 2018)  
270135 Borelli, Dana, Medford, MA (effective May 25, 2018)  
21144 Cappuccio, Laura, Merrimack, NH (effective June 13, 2018)  
268160 Clark, Lori, Burlington, MA (effective June 4, 2018)  
14184 Clifford, John S., Kiawah, SC (effective May 31, 2018)  
19748 Conviser, Gloria, Needham, MA (effective May 14, 2018)  
267684 de Leon Nathaniel, Nashua, NH (effective May 31, 2018)  
16440 Duval, Marie-Josée, Colebrook, NH (effective May 31, 2018)  
266733 Erchull, Christopher, Holyoke, MA (effective June 7, 2018)  
267609 Evans, Brendan, Medford, MA (effective May 21, 2018)  
269619 Feldman, Angelica L., Brighton, MA (effective May 31, 2018)  
269568 George, Brett, Boston, MA (effective June 7, 2018)  
20377 Jacob, Daniel I., New York, NY (effective May 31, 2018)  
270162 Kenison-Marvin, Nathan, Kensington, NH (effective May 18, 2018)  
8199 Lietz, Robert, Exeter, NH (effective May 31, 2018)  
268061 McClory, Haley, Franklinville, NY (effective June, 13, 2018)  
268150 Mihaly, Elena, Montpelier, VT (effective June 5, 2018)  
12926 O’Leary, Sarah, Melrose, MA (effective May 31, 2018)  
268155 O’Neill, Thomas V., Hoboken, NJ (effective June 11, 2018)  
269115 Ralston, Jessica, Boston, MA (effective May 31, 2018)  
20917 Rogers, Jamie, Pelham, NH (effective June 12, 2018)  
16017 Rossi, Lorraine, Andover, MA (effective June 11, 2018)  
269069 Russell, William, Concord, NH (effective May 23, 2018)  
20680 Scalsi, Lisa, Wakefield, MA (effective May 31, 2018)

Active to **INACTIVE RETIRED:**

14946 Atwater, Krista, Rye, NH (effective June 4, 2018)  
223 Cassidy, James M., Concord, NH (effective May 12, 2018)  
265809 Flory, Danielle E., East Hampstead, NH (effective May 17, 2018)  
8166 Goulet, Kathleen, Manchester, NH (effective June 5, 2018)  
1099 Harrington, James S., Natick, MA (effective June 14, 2018)  
1134 Hemeon, Robert, Laconia, NH (effective May 31, 2018)
1345  Kelly, Raymond, Manchester, NH (effective May 31, 2018)
1446  Lawrence, Jane R., Francetown, NH (effective May 31, 2018)
12117  Libby, Robert F., Brooksville, FL (effective May 31, 2018)
14787  Ordyna, Andrew Y., Boston, MA (effective June 7, 2018)
12949  Touzin, Dawn M., Concord, NH (effective June 5, 2018)
2636  Wacks, Kenneth D., Newbury, MA (effective May 31, 2018)
9181  Vinson, John, Manchester, NH (effective June 1, 2018)

Active to **RESIGNED:**

20891  Lee, Dustin, Bedford, NH (effective June 7, 2018)
268420  MacLatchie, Scott D., Charlotte, NC (effective June 13, 2018)
11861  Murphy, Joseph, Winchester, MA (effective June 1, 2018)

Active to **DECEASED:**

396  Burke, Jr., Francis, Clinton, MA, (effective April 17, 2018)
684  Duddy, Roy A., Hampton, NH (effective May 6, 2018)

Active to **LIMITED ACTIVE:**

6888  Roman, Judith, Concord, NH (effective May 22, 2018)
20450  McLaughlin, Robert S., Lincoln, NH (effective May 16, 2018)

Inactive to **ACTIVE:**

265841  Cormier, Janelle B., Dover, NH (effective May 15, 2018)
267754  Davis, Jared, Birmingham, AL (effective June 18, 2018)
16433  DeMato, Louis D., Manchester, NH (effective May 15, 2018)
16834  Durham, Paul, Manchester, NH (effective June 11, 2018)
16933  Evans, Iona M., Greenland, NH (effective May 15, 2018)
17451  Fabrizio, Lynn, Montpelier, VT (effective June 12, 2018)
266213  MacKenzie, Megan, Salem, MA (effective June 14, 2018)
17724  Modestino Lee Ann, Peterborough, NH (effective June 5, 2018)
19286  Negowetti, Nicole E., Melrose, MA (effective May 18, 2018)
2218  Rundles, Janice K., Lee, NH (effective May 16, 2018)
10272  Secor, Glen, Cambridge, MA (effective June 14, 2018)
265338  Smith, Russell J., Boston, MA (effective May 31, 2018)

Judicial Active to **ACTIVE:**

6571  Gordon, Edward, Franklin, NH (effective June 13, 2018)
Inactive to **INACTIVE RETIRED:**

83    Brackett, Thomas, Greenland, NH (effective May 31, 2018)
2813   Coltsia, Dawn Jamaica Plains, MA (effective June 5, 2018)
9179   Green, David, Nashua, NH (effective June 7, 2018)

Inactive to **RESIGNED:**

267660 Evans, Marcus, Mesa, AR (effective May 31, 2018)
20098   Hughes, Brandy N., Atlanta, GA (effective May 31, 2018)
17123   Koslofsky, Daniel R., Oakland, CA (effective May 31, 2018)
265966  McCarthy-Martin, Elizabeth, Manchester, NH (effective May 31, 2018)

Suspended to **INACTIVE:**

15583   Hayes, Paula D., Hooksett, NH (effective May 17, 2018)

Honorary Active to **HONORARY INACTIVE:**

1017   Griffin, Charles A., Portsmouth, NH (effective April 27, 2018)

Honorary Inactive to **DECEASED:**

474    Barbeau, Andre, Manchester, NH (effective September 15, 2017)
2364   Slive, Michael L., Vestavia Hills, AL (effective May 16, 2018)

Resigned to **DECEASED:**

528    Craig, William H., Manchester, NH (effective May 18, 2018)

Suspended to **Disbarred:**

5500   Bennett, Paul J., Manchester, NH (effective May 22, 2018)
20619  Cross, Zachary A., Auburn, NH (effective May 18, 2018)

Permanent Waiver Inactive to **DECEASED:**

5594   Abramson, T. Faye, Moorestown, NJ (effective October 22, 2004)
9661   Pilcher, Paul S., Wellfleet, MA (effective January 28, 2018)