

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Thursday, June 22, 2017
Mountain View Grand Resort, Club House – Whitefield, NH

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Robert R. Howard, III	Patrick T. O'Day
Mary Tenn	Lanea A. Witkus
Edward D. Philpot, Jr.	Kathleen M. Mahan
Christopher T. Regan	Andrew Hamilton
Paul W. Chant	Martha A. Hornick
J. Christopher Marshall	Susan A. Lowry
Danielle Y. Vanderzanden	Jeannine McCoy
Kristin G. Fields	Denice DeStefano
James P. Cowles	Virginia Martin
Richard C. Guerriero, Jr.	Joanne Hinnendael
Sandra L. Cabrera	Jennifer Pinckney
Cathy E. Shanelaris	Paula D. Lewis
James A. Shepard	

A meeting notice reminder, preliminary agenda and related materials were emailed June 19th. Additional materials were distributed June 22nd. 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.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mary Tenn

The regular session of the June 22, 2017 Board of Governors meet was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Immediate Past President Mary Tenn welcomed Andrew Hamilton, the ABA Young Lawyer Association Delegate, Marcie Hornick, the new Grafton County Governor and Susan Lowry, the new Rockingham County Governor.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

B. Status of the Bar Update

Jeannine McCoy

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reviewed the provided metrics on:

- Lawline Calls
- Bar Center Usage
- Law Related Education stats

Immediate Past President Mary Tenn, noted that civics education in NH has many players, beyond the Bar Association. We need to determine where NHBA fits into these efforts, given the limited resources we currently have.

Director of Marketing and Communications Jennifer Pinckney, provided a written update on the development of the new website. Originally it was intended that certain pieces of functionality for the website would be implemented in stages; for a number of very good reasons that were explained to the Board, Jennifer would like to have them all implemented with the new website rollout. It will cost no more than an additional \$34,000 to bring this website project to completion, anticipated by the end of September 2017.

There were some question and some suggestions made by some present.

ACTION

On Motion to allocate up to \$34,000 for completion of the website project. PASSED.

C. Treasurer's Report

Paula Lewis

Director of Finance Paula Lewis, provided:

- an overview revenue and expenses as of March 31, 2017
- a pre-audit report for the 2016-2017 fiscal year
- Member licensure renewal statistics

D. President's Report

Mary Tenn

- Board Orientation- date, place, topics, format

Mary reported that President-elect Scott Harris is wondering if moving the Board Orientation meeting to September would be better for the majority. A straw poll of those present indicated about 60% in favor of the move and about 40% prefer to keep the August timeframe. Many Board members noted that they needed to know the date of the Board Orientation ASAP as they are already scheduling into September. It was noted that the Nashua Bar meeting date at the end of August should be avoided.

Some of the topics mentioned for focusing the Board Orientation included:

- Elevator speech for Board Members
 - Law Related Education – Board members to connect with local schools and introduce NHBA's LRE programs
 - Role of board members and how best to utilize board members
 - Strategic Planning for the organization
 - Relationship with the Court
 - Communications – advertising what we are doing. What are the most important messages we should be sending to members.
- Midyear Meeting- location/date change

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, current and founding dean of the UC Irvine School of Law has confirmed his participation at the 2018 Midyear Meeting tentatively scheduled for March.

Unfortunately, due to a booking issue with the Radisson Hotel, we are looking for another venue to hold the March 2018 Midyear Meeting and/or considering a February date. Because Dean Chemerinsky has been appointed to be the next dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law, beginning July 1, 2017, whether he could commit to other dates in 2018 won't be known until after 7/1/17.

[Secretary's Note: The 2018 Midyear Membership Meeting is now scheduled for 2/16/18.]

E. Executive Director's Report

Jeannine McCoy

- Highlights from Selected Activities that Bar Staff have been doing in May & June were provided.
- The staff reorganization mentioned by Jeannine last month is now on hold until further deliberations, due to a number of factors.
- Matt Young, of the Communications Dept., has given his notice effective June 30th. We will be looking at how best to fill this position.

F. Strategic Initiatives Update

Ed Philpot, Jr.

Governor-at-Large Ed Philpot provided updates to the Board on the following initiatives that come out of the Board Orientation work from last summer:

- Transition out of practice
- The success of the CLE 1-hour programs
- Legal Services issues – “on-line” or “micro” pro bono is still being worked on, but a good modest means program has been implemented.

G. CLE Planning Proposal

Ed Philpot, Jr.

CLE Committee Vice Chair and Governor-at-Large Ed Philpot presented a proposal for CLE to conduct an in-depth planning session to produce a strategic plan identifying our CLE program's needs, challenges, opportunities and solutions.

There will be some pre-planning work involved that will include member input.

The planning session will be a full-day event with two facilitators who will guide stakeholders through the process of creating a final plan. The planning session cost is expected to be no more than \$3,000 and this expense is included in the CLE budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

ACTION

On motion to approve the proposal presented and up to \$3,000 for a full-day, facilitated, strategic planning session. PASSED (unanimously)

H. Comparison work for Court Commission Information

Sandra Cabrera

In response to the Court Commission's request to compare the NHBA budget to Rhode Island and Hawaii, Coos County Governor Sandra Cabrera has been working with the Executive Director on the

comparisons of revenue for NH vs. RI and HI. The material and documents being prepared will demonstrate the difference between the three (3) states.

Sandra likened the process to comparing a pick-up truck, a horse and a skateboard; no easy task.

In response to Board member inquiries about the status of the Board's request for a meeting with the Commission, it was reported that President-elect Scott Harris is working on arranging a date for the Board of Governors to meet with the Court Commission and is collecting questions from Board members to be asked of the Commission at that meeting. It was suggested that all Board members have an opportunity to review questions before the meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

I. State Update

Cheshire County Governor Richard Guerriero reported that the Cheshire Bar has had a great resurgence.

Governor-at-Large Chris Regan reported that Strafford County Bar held their Spring meeting last month.

Rockingham County Governor Patrick O'Day reported that Rockingham County Bar held their Annual Meeting last week.

Sullivan County Governor Lanea Witkus reported that Sullivan County members are looking forward to their upcoming (local meeting) cruise; she will follow up with a report of the date.

Governor-at-Large Ed Philpot reported that Belknap County Bar held a meeting to honor retiring Judge Jim Carroll. The event was very well attended and had a great turn-out of judges.

Hillsborough South Governor Cathy Shanellaris reported the Nashua Bar Summer Outing is scheduled August 24th.

New Grafton County Governor Marcie Hornick reported the upcoming Grafton County Bar will include a Coos County Bar softball challenge.

Coos County Governor Sandra Cabrera reported that Coos County once again enjoyed a successful Court Staff Appreciation Day,

REGULAR BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

J. Membership Status Changes for June

Paula Lewis

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

K. Minutes of May 18, 2017 Meeting

Rob Howard

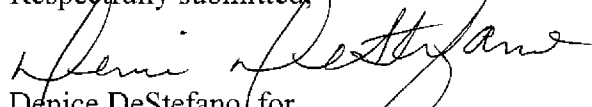
The Board accepted the minutes as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Board members were reminded of a Special Board Meeting for judicial interview on July 13th at 4:30 pm.

The June 22, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denice DeStefano, for
Robert R. Howard, III, Secretary

L. Dues Waiver Recommendations

Dues Waiver Recommendations were removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately, as follows:

One member has, for the last three (3) years, asked for a 100% dues waiver simply because they do not make enough money to pay for their bar dues. The Waiver Subcommittee feels that many members could make the same claim, but make their bar dues payment anyway. The Waiver Subcommittee would like to hear from the Board on this particular situation.

After some discussion, **the Board voted** to grant a 50% waiver of the 2017-2017 Active Bar dues and Court fees and to also inform the member that no future waiver requests will be granted unless their circumstances fundamentally change.

The Board approved the following waivers:

- ██████████ – 50% waiver of 2017-2018 Active Bar dues and Court fees.
- ██████████ - 50% waiver of 2017-2018 Active Bar dues and Court fees.
- ██████████ - 100% waiver of 2017-2018 Active Bar dues and Court fees.

The Board denied the following waiver:

- ██████████ – 50% waiver of 3 years Active dues and court fees in order to be reinstated.

RECOGNITION

The following Board members, who will be returning to the Board, were recognized:

- Sandra Cabrera, Coos County Governor returning as Governor-at-Large
- Ed Philpot, Governor-at-Large returning as Vice President
- Jonathan Eck, Governor-at-Large returning for another 3-year term
- Richard Guerriero, Cheshire County Governor returning for another 2-year term
- Lanea Witkus, Sullivan County Governor returning for another 2-year term

The following Board member who are leaving the Board, were recognized:

- Patrick O'Day, Rockingham County Governor
- Jim Shepard, Merrimack County Governor
- Ora Schwartzberg, Grafton County Governor
- Kate Mahan, Association Young Lawyers Delegate
- Mary Tenn, Immediate Past President

The Board also recognized Assistant Executive Director Denice DeStefano, who plans to retire from the Association at the end of the summer. Executive Director Jeannine McCoy spoke about how the Association and the Board of Governors have been served and enriched by Denice's talents and dedication. Denice received heartfelt thanks and a round of applause from the Board as she looks forward to a new career in her family's Lakes Region real estate business.

Membership Status Changes
Presented to the Board of Governors May 18, 2017

Active to INACTIVE:

- 268622 Blaes, Zachary R., Boston, MA (effective April 13, 2017)
- 310 Brooks, Carol D., Concord, NH (effective May 9, 2017)
- 16515 Campo, Anthony M., Boston, MA (effective May 1, 2017)
- 268574 Cropper, Judith F., Newburyport, MA (effective April 20, 2017)
- 265512 DiPietro, Michael R., Quincy, MA (effective May 2, 2017)
- 20236 Groce, Paul J., Enosburg, VT (effective April 18, 2017)
- 4824 Howell, Lori A., Eliot, ME (effective April 30, 2017)
- 266299 Keller, Aaron M., East Haven, CT (effective May 8, 2017)
- 268059 Matteson, Myles B., Concord, NH (effective May 10, 2017)
- 18716 Millett, Thomas D., Marblehead, MA (effective May 5, 2017)
- 265436 Peyton, Julia C., Wellesley, MA (effective May 1, 2017)
- 15366 Pierce, Melissa A., N Providence, RI (effective May 8, 2017)
- 19314 Smith, Richard W., Cape Elizabeth, ME (effective May 4, 2017)
- 16528 Swartz, Howard H., Methuen, MA (effective April 26, 2017)

Active to INACTIVE RETIRED:

- 727 Eaton, Gerald M., Concord, NH (effective May 5, 2017)
- 9048 Grant, Charlene A.G., Marina del Ray, CA (effective April 13, 2017)
- 1105 Harvell, Michael C., Brentwood, NH (effective May 1, 2017)
- 15142 Haskell, Jennifer G., Vail, CO (effective May 1, 2017)
- 1858 Keefe, Jo-Anwyl F., Portsmouth, NH (effective April 15, 2017)
- 1683 McGinley, Karen S., Bedford, NH (effective April 19, 2017)
- 18650 Pierce, Mark I., N Providence, RI (effective April 18, 2017)

Inactive to ACTIVE:

- 266698 Meidanis, Jonathan A., Hampstead, NH (effective May 1, 2017)

Inactive to INACTIVE RETIRED:

- 1522 Ludtke, Leslie J., Concord, NH (effective May 9, 2017)
- 13130 Spiller, Linda J., Winchester, MA (effective May 8, 2017)
- 2571 Trevethick, Thomas V., Nashua, NH (effective May 1, 2017)

Inactive to RESIGNED:

- 17879 Collins, Laura K., Stowe, VT (effective April 26, 2017)
- 266738 Lynett, Christopher P., Philadelphia, PA (effective May 8, 2017)

