

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel – Portsmouth, NH

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Lisa Wellman-Ally

Mary. E. Tenn

David W. Ruoff

Scott H. Harris

Robert R. Howard, III

Jaye L. Rancourt

Edward D. Philpot, Jr.

Jonathan M. Eck

Christopher T. Regan

Jacki S. Smith

John Curran

Danielle Y. Vanderzanden

Suzanne McKenna

Dennis L. Morgan

Richard C. Guerriero, Jr.

Sandra L. Cabrera

Ora Schwartzberg

Catherine E. Shanelaris

James A. Shepard

Patrick T. O'Day

Edward T. Clancy

Peter E. Hutchins

J. Christopher Marshall

Jeannine L. McCoy

Denice M. DeStefano

Joanne M. Hinnendael

Paula D. Lewis

Daniel Wise

Deborah Hawkins

A meeting notice reminder, preliminary Agenda and related materials were emailed June 12th. Additional materials were distributed June 18th. 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 SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Lisa Wellman-Ally

The Regular Session of the June 18, 2015 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Lisa Wellman-Ally.

New Board members Chris Marshall (Public Sector Governor) and Peter Hutchins (Treasurer) were introduced.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

B. Advocating Support for Adequate LSC Funding

Lisa Wellman-Ally

President Lisa Wellman-Ally reported on the Congressional debate for increased funding for The Legal Services Corporation in 2016. This is one of the topics our Association ABA Delegate Russ Hilliard discussed with the NH delegation in Washington during ABA Day in April.

Board members were encouraged to support adequate LSC funding. NH's LARC program was created to receive LSC funding, from which our own Pro Bono program gets a small, but important, sub-grant. Overall, grant funds are down and this will have an impact on all grantees.

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy asked the Board to consider granting authority to the leadership to advocate for adequate LSC funds if asked to do so.

ACTION

On motion to authorize the Board to officially advocate for adequate LSC funding to the NH Congressional Delegation, if asked. PASSED (unanimously).

- C. Ethics Committee Opinion #2014-15/10 - Joint Representation of Clients in Estate Planning

The **Board received** Ethics Committee Opinion #2014-15/10 - Joint Representation of Clients in Estate Planning.

- D. Banking Resolution to Enable Remote Check Deposit Paula Lewis

Director of Finance & IT Paula Lewis explained to the Board the time it currently takes for Bar staff to travel around Concord making deposits in all of the banks at which NHBA has accounts. The current process is neither efficient nor particularly secure.

ACTION

On motion to approve Bank of New Hampshire remote deposit capture and ACH functions for more secure and efficient check deposit processing as presented to the Board of Governors. PASSED (unanimously)

CONSENT ITEMS

- E. Membership Status Changes for June 2015 Denice DeStefano

The **Board received** Membership Status changes, which are attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

- F. Dues Waiver Report Subcommittee

The **Board approved** a request from [REDACTED] to waive 50% of the 2015-2016 Active dues and Court Fees, with the remaining 50% to be paid in three equal installments of \$80.83 each on August 30, 2015, September 30, 2015 and October 30, 2015 and to prospectively waive late fee that would otherwise be incurred on September 1st.

- G. Minutes of May 21, 2015 Meeting Denice DeStefano

Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Board of Governors meetings **were approved as presented.**

OTHER

H. Executive Director's Report Bar Center Use and Financing Update

Jeannine McCoy

Director of Finance & IT, Paula Lewis, provided a financial overview for the current fiscal year through April 30, 2015 (11 months). The Association has a healthy financial outlook, with total cash on hand at 4/30/15 being \$1,504,928.

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reported that 6,958 renewal notices were sent via email and 647 via U.S. Mail, for a total of 7,605 renewal notices sent. Jeannine also explained the history behind the Professional Conduct Committee/Attorney Discipline Office fees and the Lawyer Assistance Program fees that the Bar collects on behalf of the Court.

Jeannine also recapped details of the lease and subsequent purchase of Bar Center space at 2 Pillsbury Street on the third floor and lower level. Member usage of the Bar Center over the past year was also noted.

Jeannine thanked Paula Lewis and her staff who had to pull some very late hours this year in order to get the dues processing completed. There were some equipment issues which Mainstay Technologies was able to identify and address.

I. Around the Board Table

Coos County Governor Sandra Cabrera reported that Coos County Bar Association will be scheduling a meeting this fall. Details will be provided once finalized.

Immediate Past President Jaye Rancourt reported that the Access to Justice Commission met to discuss recommendations of the Executive Committee. There was no real agreement on any of the recommendations so the Executive Committee will be meeting again to winnow down the list. Jaye mentioned some of the recommendations discussed.

Governor-at-Large Jacki Smith reported on a conference held last week on veterans issues and needs. Jacki also reported that the Court system has been infected with a computer virus, so be cautious about any emails you receive from the Court system.

Governor-at-Large Ed Philpot reported that Belknap County still offers the SCOPE program twice a month and it is very successful.

Vice president David Ruoff reported that the Access to Justice Commission has lots of good ideas. David also provided a PCC update, the ADO has hired 2 new prosecutors and 1 assistant general counsel position. They are focusing on clearing the backlog of cases.

President-elect Mary Tenn emphasized the importance of the initial review process of complaints. A discussion about the costs to members of running the ADO, the backlog and the overall process ensued.

J. President's Report

Lisa Wellman-Ally

President Lisa Wellman-Ally reported that the Rural Access project has received its first application from a member looking to open a law practice in Warner, NH. The deadline for applications is July 1. Lisa anticipates a meeting in July to "get the ball rolling" on the project. Arthur Greene will be "first up" to help with providing alternative billing options.

Lisa thanks everyone for their courtesy and cooperation this year and she is looking forward to working with Mary Tenn this coming year.

K. Board Recognition

President Lisa Wellman-Ally and Executive Jeannine McCoy recognized those members leaving Board service and those that are returning for another term.

Presentations made to those going off the Board of Governors:

- Jacki Smith, Governor-at-Large
- Jaye Rancourt, Immediate Past President

Presentations made to those returning to the Board of Governors for another term:

- Christopher Regan, Governor-at-Large
- Danielle Vanderzanden – Out-of-State Governor
- Richard Guerriero, Cheshire County Governor
- Sandra Cabrera, Coos County Governor
- Ora Schwartzberg, Grafton County Governor
- James Shepard, Merrimack County Governor
- Patrick O'Day, Rockingham County Governors

Also recognized, but not present:

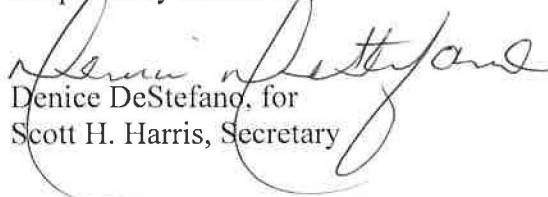
- Mary Ann Dempsey, Public Sector Governor

Lisa was recognized and congratulated by the Board for her leadership and presented with a gift.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 18, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Denice DeStefano, for
Scott H. Harris, Secretary

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Membership Status Changes

Presented to the Board of Governors June 18, 2015

Active to **INACTIVE**

12915 Benner, Patricia L., Amherst, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
117 Brighton, Kenneth Clark, Dublin, NH (effective May 27, 2015)
266597 Desmond, Zachary J., Fairfax, VA (effective May 5, 2015)
266733 Erchull, Christopher M., Northampton, MA (effective June 1, 2015) New Admit
14895 Esposito, Donna F., Concord, NH (effective May 21, 2015)
17771 Jenness, Anne E., Boulder Creek, CA (effective May 19, 2015)
266213 MacKenzie, Megan M., Dracut, MA (effective May 27, 2015)
20702 Manzo, Megan O'Keefe, Andover, MA (effective May 18, 2015)
265675 Mathews, Edward C. Portsmouth, NH (effective May 12, 2015)
265312 Niedzwiecki, Daniel J., Lowell, MA (effective May 15, 2015)
16485 Nordle, Christopher J., Waterbury, VT (effective May 19, 2015)
20691 Rangulong, Merlene J., Lowell, MA (effective May 31, 2015)
19591 Seymour, Margaret M., Littleton, NH (effective June 1, 2015)
265423 Schohl, Joseph T., Westlake Village, CA (effective May 31, 2015)
2523 Taylor Raymond W., Kingston, NH (effective May 31, 2015)

Active to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

14377 Eyman, Thomas H., Franconia, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
793 Field, Robert B Jr., Portsmouth, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
924 Gfroerer, Michael G., Concord, NH (effective May 21, 2015)
977 Graciano, Leo P., Concord, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
1780 Moffett, Howard M., Canterbury NH (effective May 15, 2015)
1924 O'Shaughnessy, Daniel W., Manchester, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
2035 Pizzimenti, Benette, Laconia, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
2573 Trombly, Arthur L., Keene, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
16663 Wieland, Diana K., Hopkinton, NH (effective May 21, 2015)

Active to **MILITARY ACTIVE**

265286 Lavalley, Jon-Daniel, Boston, MA (effective May 15, 2015)

Active to **MILITARY INACTIVE**

11300 Holt, Bradley D., Djibouti, Africa (effective May 31, 2015)

Active to **RESIGNED**

265807 Egner, Cherylyn M., Orem, UT (effective May 15, 2015)

Inactive to **ACTIVE**

21190 Merrell, Trent W., Hudson, NH (effective May 21, 2015)

Inactive to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

15322 Cipolla, Michelle M., Orlando, FL (effective May 21, 2015)
16510 Whiting, Joanne R., Portsmouth, NH (effective May 31, 2015)

Inactive to **RESIGNED**

10032 Barradale, Deborah M., Bedford, NH (effective May 31, 2015)
14040 Stevens, John H., Winchester, MA (effective May 15, 2015)

Inactive Retired to **RESIGNED**

999 Green, Joanne S., Olympia, WA (effective May 15, 2015)

Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues to **ACTIVE**

266211 Loftus, Katherine C., Dorchester, MA (effective June 1, 2015)

Suspended to **DISBARRED**

18908 Biron, Lisa A., Manchester, NH (effective May 28, 2015)
14539 Coddington, Paul F., Concord, NH (effective June 2, 2015)

Permanent Waiver to **DECEASED**

5596 Soybel, Thomas W., Dorchester, MA (effective January 16, 2010)

Correction From May 21, 2015 BOG Report

16431 David, Jennifer, Malden, MA (effective June 1, 2015)
Member changed her mind concerning her status change to Active before the effective date of June 1, 2015 and her status was returned to Inactive.