

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Thursday, December 18, 2014
Bar Center – Concord, NH
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Lisa Wellman-Ally	Catherine E. Shanelaris
Mary. E. Tenn	David W. McGrath
David W. Ruoff	James A. Shepard
Scott H. Harris	Patrick T. O'Day
Robert R. Howard, III	Edward T. Clancy
Edward D. Philpot, Jr.	Lanea A. Witkus
Jonathan M. Eck	Jennifer L. Parent
Christopher T. Regan	Jeannine L. McCoy
Jacki S. Smith	Denice M. DeStefano
Mary Ann Dempsey	Virginia A. Martin
Suzanne McKenna	Joanne M. Hinnendael
Dennis L. Morgan	Dan R. Wise
Richard C. Guerriero, Jr.	Paula D. Lewis
Sandra L. Cabrera	Deborah Hawkins
Ora Schwartzberg	

A meeting notice reminder was emailed December 12th. Preliminary materials were emailed December 15th. The Preliminary Agenda and additional materials were emailed December 16th and distributed December 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 December 18, 2014 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by President Lisa Wellman-Ally.

B. Membership Status Changes for December 2014 Denice DeStefano

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

C. Report on Dues Waiver Requests Board Subcommittee
Denice DeStefano

The Board denied the request of [REDACTED] for a 100% waiver of her pro-rated Active 2014-2015 dues and Court fees; a 3-month payment plan will be offered.

D. Minutes of November 20, 2014 Meeting

Denice DeStefano

Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board of Governors meeting **were approved as presented.**

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

E. Financials Statement through October 31, 2014

Paula Lewis

The Board received Budget Performance Statements through 10/31/2014.

F. 3rd Floor Lease Space

Denice DeStefano

Assistant Executive Director Denice DeStefano reported that the proposed lease agreement for additional space on the third floor at 2 Pillsbury Street is under review by counsel. Governor-at-Large Jonathan Eck has agreed to also review the proposed final lease agreement; Vice President David Ruoff also volunteered to review the proposed final lease agreement before it is submitted to the Board for consideration.

G. Justice for All Challenge Update and Request for Help

Jeannine McCoy

NH Bar members contribute thousands of hours in donated legal services and other service each year.

Public service is a significant part of the legal profession's culture. Help us demonstrate how much public service the legal profession donates each year.

We need your help - The Justice for All Challenge calls on lawyers to report on the good work they've done during calendar year 2014. You can report your commitment individually or as a firm.

Board members are being asked to agree to make phone calls to five members that do not appear on the circulated showing those already signed up for the "Justice Challenge" to encourage them to report at least a 30 hour contribution of pro bono work for this past year. Uncommitted large law firms also need phone calls encouraging them each to sign-on as firm.

The intent is make a big splash at the Midyear Meeting on February 27th by being able to demonstrate how much pro bono work New Hampshire lawyers do. Please help by making calls!

H. Committee on Cooperation with the Courts Bench/Bar Conference
March 27, 2015

Jennifer Parent

Committee on Cooperation with the Courts Chair Jennifer Parent, reported on planning for the March 27, 2015 Bench/Bar Conference that she is co-chairing along with Kate Hanna.

There is a subcommittee of 15 members working on the conference, including judges, clerks, new and seasoned lawyers.

Some of the issues between the bench and bar, raised by the planning committee that may be addressed at the conference include:

- Communications
- Scheduling
- Balancing efficient and expedient justice
- Balance between pro se and represented litigants
- Professionalism and collegiality

The Court is supportive and will have judges in attendance. The target audience is 100 people. Although \$7,000 has been budgeted, Jennifer anticipates that another \$3,000 may be needed to help defray the expenses for a plenary speaker.

ACTION

On motion to approve an additional \$3,000 for the March 27, 2015 Bench/Bar Conference.
Passed (2 nay votes: E. Philpot and L. Witkus).

Sullivan County Governor Lanea Witkus asked if the Board of Governors would be invited. Jennifer's response was the not the full Board due to the limited number of invitations being issued.

I. Pro Bono / Legal Services Funding

Lisa Wellman Ally

President Lisa Wellman-Ally reported that Immediate Past President Jaye Rancourt is working on a letter for cooperation between the legal service entities on the annual joint fundraising effort.

Also, the other legal service entities are suggesting the need to register a trade name and establish a separate entity for the existing Foreclosure Relief Project to take the funds from the Bank of America/Citigroup mortgage foreclosure national settlements. Research is being done to determine how to best secure funds from these settlements for the benefit of NH citizens.

Going forward, the Board will be asked to make a decision on the Campaign for Legal Services check-off that appears on the Bar Dues invoices annually.

If Board members have questions on concerns with any of this, please contact President Lisa Wellman-Ally or Executive Director Jeannine McCoy.

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reported that she, Director of Legal Services Ginny Martin, Director of Finance & IT Paula Lewis and the Pro Bono Board and doing some financial forecasting re: funding and model for delivery of legal services going forward. Ginny Martin noted that there are not always a good flow of cases that match volunteer attorney skills, which is why they are looking at different models to identify cases appropriate to refer to our volunteer panels.

J. Executive Director's Report

Jeannine McCoy

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reported on the following:

- **You Should Know Activity Update** – Board members were encouraged to read.
- **Strategic Planning – 2014-2017 Plan** – the Strategic Plan is a tool to be used 4 ways:
 1. Assessing the right mix of activities and services
 2. Assisting the Board in decision making
 3. Providing a framework for reporting to the Board on what the Association is doing
 4. Communicating with members about their Association's activities

Jeannine provided an overview of how the goals were developed and will be used.

The cost and impact matrix was demonstrated as a means for reviewing an organization's programs

Board members Ed Philpot, Patrick O'Day, Ted Clancy and Scott Harris will help with ongoing strategic planning.

- **Access to Justice Commission 11/24/14 Meeting / ABA Future of Legal Services Commission** – a memo was provided updating the Board on the November 24th meeting of the Access to Justice Commission, where draft charges (voted on at the 10/2 meeting of the Commission) for the areas on which the Commission should focus were discussed, as suggestions involve areas of interest to the Association, including, among others:

- Voluntary reporting of Pro Bono hours
- Awarding NHCLE credit for legal aid service at courthouses
- Waiver or Reduced Bar Fees for volunteer service at legal aid

The Access to Justice Commission is seeking volunteers to serve on an "Executive Committee" they are seeking to create.

K. State Update

Grafton County Governor Ora Schwartzberg reported that the Grafton County Bar Executive Committee met with Karen Borgstrom, who was asking the County Bar to support the Campaign for Legal Services. The Grafton County Bar Executive Committee intends to provide an opportunity for the Campaign to speak to the Grafton County Bar members at the Annual Meeting this May or June and would like to invite Pro Bono to do the same. This might also be a good outreach program for all of the local/county bars.

Hillsborough South Governor Cathy Shanelaris reported that the Nashua Bar website is up and running and a mentoring program through the Nashua Bar is in the works.

Cheshire County Governor Richard Guerriero reported that due to eCourt, there is now free wifi in the Cheshire County courthouses.

Sullivan County Bar Governor Lanea Witkus suggested that the Courts should do eCourt training at local and county Bar meetings.

President Lisa Wellman-Ally reported that she did her first eFiling in a small claims case.

Strafford County Governor Ted Clancy reported that the Strafford County Bar Christmas party was well attended.

Rockingham County Governor Patrick O'Day reported on the passing of Bob Shaines. Attorney Shaines was recognized at an Inns of Courts meeting and at a Rockingham County Bar Meeting.

Treasurer Rob Howard remarked on those members we've lost in the last few months and their impact on the profession.

L. President's Report

Lisa Wellman-Ally

President Lisa Wellman-Ally reported on the following:

▪ **Nomination of David Ruoff for 2015-2016 President-Elect**

David W. Ruoff, Vice President, was nominated as President-Elect for the 2015-16 year and will appear on the board election ballot this spring. Nomination was approved unanimously.

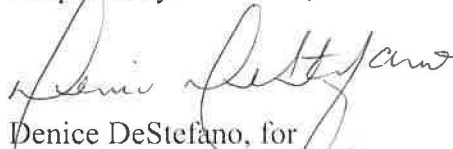
- **Nominations Status for 2015 BOG Elections** – Assistant Executive Director DeStefano reported that most members in seats up for re-election in the spring are planning to seek re-election. No one has yet expressed interest in running for vice president.

- **Appointment of public member to the Judicial Conduct Committee needed** - (3-year term- July 1, 2014 – July 1, 2017.) Lisa mentioned a couple of members as possible appointees to the Judicial Conduct Committee and asked if anyone on the Board had input. Lisa will make the appointment shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

The December 18, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Denice DeStefano, for
Scott H. Harris, Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
Membership Status Changes
Presented to the Board of Governors December 18, 2014

Active to **INACTIVE**

16215 Clifford, Paula J., Weymouth, MA (effective December 1, 2014)
20773 Gray, Courtney E., Bedford, NH (effective November 17, 2014) New Admit 11/17/2014
19653 Mulligan, Paul J., Waltham, MA (effective December 2, 2014)

Inactive to **ACTIVE**

14181 Cay, Susan B., Brattleboro, VT (effective December 5, 2014)
265833 Gilbert, Timothy R., Lancaster, KY (effective November 18, 2014)
18942 Ireland, Sarah K., Canton, MA (effective November 18, 2014)
18869 Mumford, George S., Dover, NH (effective November 24, 2014)
18975 Pride, Misha C., Portland, ME (effective December 3, 2014)

Inactive to **RESIGNED**

264911 Jenkins, Kristin L., Southlake, TX (effective December 1, 2014)

Active to **DECEASED**

16364 Brown, Andrew Kenneth, Manchester, NH (effective November 23, 2014)

Inactive Retired to **DECEASED**

2257 Saunders, Arpiar G. Jr., Hopkinton, NH (effective November 18, 2014)

Honorary Active to **HONORARY INACTIVE**

488 Barto, John W., Pittsfield, NH (effective December 1, 2014)

Honorary Active to **DECEASED**

2308 Shaines, Robert A., Portsmouth, NH (effective December 2, 2014)

Honorary Inactive to **DECEASED**

38 Bolton, Warren R., Natick, MA (effective November 18, 2014)

Suspended for non-payment of dues to **ACTIVE**

19616 Blanchette, Kristen R., Los Angeles, CA (effective November 17, 2014)
556 Caputo, Joseph A., Londonderry, NH (effective November 17, 2014)
19340 O'Brien, Sean F., Melrose, MA (effective December 5, 2014)
11864 Precobb, John T., Woburn, MA (effective November 17, 2014)

Suspended for non-payment of dues to **INACTIVE**

12830 Butman, Jade E., San Francisco, CA (effective November 20, 2014)
18949 Kraushaar, Kristine E., Shelburne, VT (effective November 19, 2014)
4094 McCarty, Marie L., Fritz Creek, AK (effective December 2, 2014)

Suspended for TAC to **INACTIVE**

18877 Prizio, A. Adam, Troy, NY (effective November 3, 2014)