

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Thursday, June 19, 2014
Harbors Edge Room – Sheraton Hotel, Portsmouth, NH
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jaye Rancourt
Lisa Wellman-Ally
Mary E. Tenn
Robert R. Howard, III
Lawrence A. Vogelmann
Quentin J. Blaine
Jonathan M. Eck
Christopher T. Regan
Jacki Smith
John A. Curran
Mary Ann Dempsey
Dennis L. Morgan
Richard C. Guerriero, Jr.
Sandra L. Cabrera
Ora Schwartzberg
David C. Tencza
James A. Shepard
Patrick T. O'Day

David W. Ruoff
Edward D. Philpot, Jr.
Catherine E. Shanelaris
Edward T. Clancy
Brian C. Shaughnessy
Connie L. Rakowsky
Larry Edelman
G. Dana Bisbee
Quinn E. Kelley
Robert Paolini
Dan Richardson
Jeannine L. McCoy
Denice M. Destefano
Paula D. Lewis
Joanne M. Hinnendael
Daniel R. Wise
Virginia A. Martin
Deborah Hawkins

A meeting notice reminder and preliminary agenda were emailed June 13th. Additional materials were emailed June 16th, June 18th and distributed June 19th. 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

Jaye Rancourt

The Regular Session of the June 19, 2014 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by President Jaye Rancourt.

B. Membership Status Changes for June 2014

Denice DeStefano

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

C. Dues Waiver Request

Lisa Wellman-Ally

The Board approved a 50% reduction in Active dues and Court fees for [REDACTED] with the remaining 50% to be paid in installments.

Minutes of May 15 and May 22, 2014 Board Meetings

Jaye Rancourt

Minutes of the May 15 and May 22, 2014 Board of Governors meeting **were approved as presented.**

E. Financial Statements through April 30, 2014

Paula Lewis

The Board received financial statements through April 30, 2014.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

F. Appointments to LARC Board for Three-year Terms
Michael Delaney, Dana Bisbee and Quinn Kelley

Larry Edelman
Connie Rakowsky

The Board ratified previously approved appointments to the Legal Advice & Referral Center Board, for a three-year term each: former Attorney General Michael Delaney, now a member of the McLane law firm; Dana Bisbee, of the Devine Millimet firm; and Quinn Kelley, of the NH office of Boyle, Shaughnessy & Campo. Attorneys Bisbee and Kelley were introduced by LARC Director Connie Rakowsky and LARC Board member Larry Edelman. The importance of the roles played by Pro Bono and LARC were discussed with the LARC representatives.

G. Vermont Bar Rural Lawyer Project
NHBA ABA Grant application

Lisa Wellman-Ally
Bob Paolini
Dan Richardson

Before she became NHBA president, Lisa attended a conference on rural practice initiatives in South Dakota, where a rural lawyer project has received some funding from federal sources that aim to bolster farm communities and economies. Lisa noted that lawyers and other professionals such as doctors are needed in rural communities, and their presence is seen as an asset, enabling residents to obtain services locally instead of having to travel to bigger communities.

The number of lawyers in the state's three smallest counties (by population) is stagnant, with the number of entrants barely keeping pace with retirements, which are likely to accelerate with the overall "graying" of the bar. According to NHBA membership records, there are only 16 lawyers in private practice in Coos County and 25 in Sullivan County.

Lisa sees an opportunity in the mismatch between the many unmet legal needs among the population in her county and the many un- or under-employed lawyers in the Bar's ranks.

A Rural Practice Initiative will strive to demonstrate the appeal of rural practice and encourage newcomers by recruiting mentors to help show them around local courts and communities. A steering committee of experienced and newer rural practitioners is being organized to help guide the effort.

Vermont Bar Association President-elect Dan Richardson and Executive Director Robert Paolini spoke to the Board about their own rural lawyers' initiative, known as the Vermont Virtual Lawyer Incubator Pilot Project, which recently received a small grant from the American Bar Association.

Business incubators tend to offer low-cost or free office space in an urban area as well as support services and advice to fledgling entrepreneurs; Richardson explained that the Vermont Bar's "virtual incubator" does not have a physical location, but offers support and guidance "virtually" to lawyers with firm startups in several small Vermont towns.

In addition to mentoring and access to continuing legal education programs, the Vermont Bar also has succeeded in securing relatively inexpensive malpractice insurance for the three lawyers it selected for the pilot project.

Over an 18-month period, the attorneys in the pilot must participate in regularly scheduled status calls with the program's advisory committee, agree not to actively seek other legal employment, develop a business plan, and commit to serving clients of all income levels.

The project sets forth a detailed timeline with milestones to help the attorneys keep on the practice-building track. The milestones include a "legal skills scavenger hunt" that requires the participants to complete a series of learning activities to broaden their understanding of the community and how law is practiced in the state.

K. Executive Director's Report

Jeannine McCoy

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reported on the following:

- You Should Know Activity Update – the Bar Center continues to be busy! This year, for the first time, the Association is accepting online dues payments. The response and feedback from members has been positive.
- Economic Survey – and update to the Bar's economic survey is in the works and will likely be completed by the end of the calendar year.
- NHMCLE – a new MCLE reporting system will soon be launched. More details once it is up and running.
- Annual Meeting Workgroup – a group is being established to examine the annual meeting beyond 2015. The basic questions being what is the purpose of the annual meeting and how does the association best meet it?
- Out-of-State Board Seat – out-of-state members will be solicited for those interested in serving on the Board in this capacity. The Board will appoint someone to fill this position until the next election in April 2015. A Nominating Committee, comprised of John Curran and Mary Ann Dempsey will review and recommend an appointee from those expressing interest.

I. Veterans Project Update

Larry Vogelman

Immediate Past President Larry Vogelman updated the Board on one of his presidential initiatives, a veterans project. Larry is pleased to report that the Veterans Project has found a "home" with the NH Veterans Foundation, a 501 C organization, for this "boots on the ground" legal project. Larry now sits on the board of the NH Veterans Foundation.

Larry's vision is to get an RV and bring legal services to veterans around the state with volunteer lawyers and a paralegal.

The next step is to hire a managing attorney that has 3-4 years of practice experience. The first year budget of \$500,000 has already been raised and will include salary and benefits for a Pro Bono staff person to do non-restricted veterans work.

J. President's Report

Jaye Rancourt

President Jaye Rancourt reported on the following:

- Campaign for Legal Services Update – Jaye reported on the contract negotiations that have been ongoing for some time and the reasons it was decided that it was in the best interests of NHBA to withdraw from the joint fundraising agreement with the Campaign for Legal Services.
- Appointment of BOG Subcommittee for Dues Waiver Requests – three members volunteered to serve for the next year on this subcommittee: Jim Shepard, Ed Clancy and Jacki Smith.

L. Board Recognition

Jaye Rancourt
Jeannine McCoy

President Jaye Rancourt 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:

- Quentin Blaine, Governor-at-Large
- Dave Tencza, Hillsborough South County Governor
- Larry Vogelman, Immediate Past President

Also recognized, but not present:

- Scott Harris, Hillsborough North County Governor
- FX Bruton, Strafford County Governor

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

- Jonathan Eck, Governor-at-Large
- Dennis Morgan, Carroll County Governor

Also recognized, but not present:

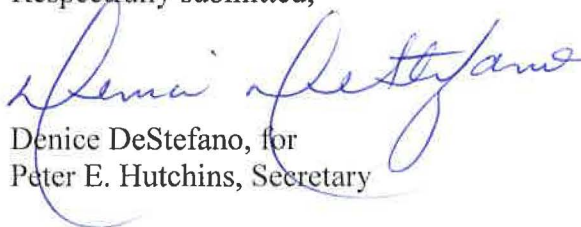
- Suzanne McKenna, Belknap County Governor
- Lanea Witkus, Sullivan County Governor

Jaye was recognized and congratulated by the Board for her leadership, energy and resilience. Jeannine presented Jaye with some "parting gifts" and noted her "hands-on work" that has contributed to the success of her programs to raise awareness about teen dating violence and legal services volunteerism.

ADJOURNMENT

The June 19, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denice DeStefano", is written over the typed name and title.

Denice DeStefano, for
Peter E. Hutchins, Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
Membership Status Changes
Presented to the Board of Governors June 19, 2014

Active to INACTIVE

Bannon, Marisa M., Boston, MA (effective May 27, 2014)
Bragg, Anna T., Hampton, NH (effective May 14, 2014)
Bickford, Dorothy M., Brooklyn, NY (effective May 15, 2014)
Cahill, James D., Cape Neddick, ME (effective June 1, 2014)
Caron, Martha L., Hillsborough, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Chamberlain, Richard D., Southampton, NY (effective May 11, 2014)
Coughlin, James E M., Bedford, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Coughlin, Sharon A., Bedford, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Frommer, Stephen G., Garden City, NY (effective June 1, 2014)
Kissinger, Beth H., Hopkinton, NH (effective May 15, 2014)
Lodding, Jeffrey W., Manchester, NH (effective May 30, 2014)
Lombardo, Anita Chester, NH (effective May 28, 2014) New Admit
Loring, Inna North Bethesda, MD (effective June 1, 2014)
Manchini, Steven G., N Reading, MA (effective April 8, 2014) New Admit April
McKnight, Andrea L., Wareham, MA (effective May 12, 2014)
Miller, Genesis Wren, Franconia, NH (effective May 20, 2014)
Mincu, Anthony P., Ossipee, NH (effective May 10, 2014)
Mumford, George S., Dover, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Pace, Shara L., Lakeville, MN (effective June 1, 2014)
Palmer John E., Weare, NH (effective May 15, 2014)
Raiche-Casinghino, Denise A., Manchester, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Reeve, Kimberly M., Wolfeboro, NH (effective May 28, 2014) New Admit
Robinson, Beverly C., Amherst, NH (effective May 31, 2014)
Roth, Alexander E., New York, NY (effective May 10, 2014)
Roth, Jennifer, Jaffrey, NH (effective May 15, 2014)
Sanborn, Robert W., Greenland, NH (effective May 31, 2014)
Sarzana, Autumn S., Newton, MA (effective June 1, 2014)
Sisson, Edward R., Manchester, NH (effective May 17, 2014)
Skouteris, Kathryn E., Concord, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Spiller, Linda J., Concord, NH (effective May 31, 2014)
Storey, Jessica E., New Hampton, NH (effective May 14, 2014)
Vogt, Erich Portsmouth, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Williams, John L., Concord, NH (effective May 14, 2014)

Active to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

Billingham, Linda B., Seattle, WA (effective June 1, 2014)
Brewster, Sylvia F., Portsmouth, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Griffith, John P., Wilton, NH (effective June 1 May 31, 2014)
Hilson, John F., Los Angeles, CA (effective June 1, 2014)
Keshen, Barbara R., Concord, NH (effective May 12, 2014)
Larney, Ann F., Nashua, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Mason, J. William, Lee, NH (effective May 13, 2014)
McSwiney, F. Graham, New London, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Moschella, Jamie K., North reading, MA (effective June 1, 2014)
Muh, Robert B., Littleton, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Nielsen, Kenneth R., Newbury, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Pilkington-Casey, Mary T., Concord, NH (effective May 12, 2014)
Schapira, Jeffrey A., Manchester, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Stephens, Cynthia J., Stoughton, MA (effective June 1, 2014)
Whitten, William A., Claremont NH (effective June 1, 2014)

Active to **MILITARY ACTIVE**

Chang, Jeffrey S., Concord, NH (effective April 8, 2014) New Admit

Active to **RESIGNED**

Nungesser, William L., Meredith, NH (effective May 31, 2014)

Active to **DECEASED**

Lane, Prescott N., Weare, NH (effective June 2, 2014)
Wolfson, Amy G., Nashua, NH (effective May 30, 2014)

Honorary Active to **DECEASED**

Mudge, Arthur W., Haverhill, NH (effective May 23, 2014)

Honorary Inactive to **DECEASED**

Berrigan, John F., Nashua, NH (effective January 21, 2013)

Inactive to **ACTIVE**

Barker, John C., Groton, MA (effective June 1, 2014)
Lader, Donald L., Georgetown, ME (effective May 15, 2014)
Misluk, MaryBeth L., Concord, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Paine, Elizabeth, Concord, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Zaremba, Christopher M., Boston, MA (effective June 1, 2014)

Inactive to **RESIGNED**

Healy, Patrick D., Norfolk, VA (effective June 1, 2014)
Hughes, William D., San Diego, CA (effective May 31, 2014)
Long, Keith C., Boston, MA (effective May 7, 2014)

inactive to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

Carstensen, Jack E., Ballston Spa, NY (effective June 1, 2014)
Chagnon, Louis C., Cambridge, MA (effective May 15, 2014)
Kropp, Steven H., Peabody, MA (effective May 30, 2014)
Nicastro, Joseph A., Eagle Point, OR (effective June 1, 2014)
Riches, Suzanne M., Lexington, MA (effective May 8, 2014)
Slive, Michael L., Birmingham, AL (effective June 1, 2014)
Thompson, Ann C., Venice, FL (effective May 12, 2014)
Wiebusch, Richard V., Westborough, MA (effective June 1, 2014)

Inactive Retired to **ACTIVE**

Gallo, Jonathan V., Pittsfield, NH (effective June 1, 2014)
Griffin, Daniel P., Epping, NH (effective June 1, 2014)

Inactive Retired to **INACTIVE**

Sullivan, Ellen H., Delray Beach, FL (effective June 1, 2014)

Inactive Retired to **RESIGNED**

Smith, Donna H., Port St. Lucia, FL (effective June 1, 2014)
Sweet, Barbara A., Chichester, NH (effective June 1, 2014)

Honorary Active to **HONORARY INACTIVE**

Backus, Robert A., Manchester, NH (effective June 1, 2014)

Honorary Inactive to **HONORARY ACTIVE**

Steinfeld, Joseph D., Boston, MA (effective June 1, 2014)

Suspended to **ACTIVE**

Heal, Laird J., Worcester, MA (effective May 15, 2014)

Suspended to **INACTIVE**

Jachim-Gallagher, Cynthia A., Newport, NH (effective May 27, 2014)
Urban, Michael D., Wellesley, MA (effective June 2)

Active to **Suspended for Practical Skills Compliance**

Lincoln, Samantha L., Kaneohe, HI (effective May 15, 2014)

Active to **Suspended by Professional Conduct Committee**

Bennett, Paul J., Manchester, NH (effective May 24, 2014)