

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Thursday, March 7, 2013
Radisson Hotel – Manchester, NH
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Lawrence A. Vogelmann
Jaye Rancourt
Lisa Wellman-Ally
Peter E. Hutchins
Robert R. Howard, III
Jennifer L. Parent
Eric D. Cook
Quentin J. Blaine
Jonathan M. Eck
Christopher T. Regan
Jacki A. Smith
Charles S. Temple
Judith L. Homan
Dennis L. Morgan
Leon I. Goodwin, III
Scott H. Harris
David C. Tencza
Philip L. Pettis
Russell F. Hilliard

John D. MacIntosh
Abigail Sykas Karoutas
Joseph D. Becher
Jonathan M. Boutin
Darrell J. Chichester
Courtney H. Eschbach
Lisa A. Fearon
Seth J. Hipple
Melissa L. Lyons
Deborah Mulcrone
Michael J. Ortlieb
Anthony F. Sculimbrenne
Kirk C. Simoneau
Jeannine L. McCoy
Denice M. DeStefano
Paula D. Lewis
Daniel R. Wise
Joanne M. Hinnendael
Valenda Morrissette

A meeting notice reminder was emailed February 27^h. A preliminary agenda and materials were emailed March 6th. Additional materials were distributed March 7th. 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 Lawrence A. Vogelmann

The Regular Session of the March 7, 2013 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by President Larry Vogelmann. As participants of the 2013 Leadership Academy were in attendance, introductions around the table were made.

B. Membership Status Changes for March 2013 Denice DeStefano

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

C. Minutes of February 21, 2013 Board Meetings Jeannine McCoy

Minutes of the February 21, 2013 Board of Governors meeting **were approved as presented.**

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

D. Budget Update

Paula Lewis

NHBA Director of Finance and IT, Paula Lewis, reported that preparation of the 2013-2014 budget is underway. The first Finance Committee meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 16th from 1 – 4:30 pm.

The current fiscal year financials, as of 1/31/13, show the organization is ahead of budget. The financials through 1/31/13 will be provided to the BOG at the April meeting.

E. Reporting on Issues, Interests, Concerns from Association
Member-Constituents around the State

All Board Members

President-elect Jaye Rancourt reported that the Family Law listserv has been very active lately around the issue of use of the circuit court call center. Jaye will follow-up on the listserv with recommendations as to the best time(s) for members to contact the call center.

Governor-at-Large Jonathan Eck reported that the Manchester Bar has a social meeting in the near future.

Association ABA Delegate Russ Hilliard reported that the new Insurance Law Section is off to a promising start and has a good cross section of practitioners as members.

Carroll County Governor Dennis Morgan reported that the Carroll County Bar is going to be starting up again after a period of inactivity.

Rockingham County Governor Phil Pettis reported that the next Rockingham County Bar meeting is March 20.

Cheshire County Governor Leon Goodwin reported that the new Cheshire County courthouse is coming right along and is scheduled to open by the end of the year.

Belknap County Governor Judy Homan reported that the Belknap County Bar is meeting for the first time in a number of years on March 28th and she is doing what she can to make it a successful meeting. She noted Denice DeStefano and Jo Hinnendael from the NHBA staff will be on hand to hear and discuss ways the state bar can assist the local bar as it reenergizes.

Governor-at-Large Chris Regan reported he is working with Jennifer Parent to once again spearhead a program (with grant funding from the BF), Civics in Action II, this year aimed at bringing last year's very successful program to Kiwanis Clubs around the State. The first such program was done at the Concord Kiwanis Club on March 4.

Chris also sadly reported that former part-time district court judge Bruce Larson was killed in a car accident recently and that another member recently had to have a leg amputated.

Hillsborough South Governor Dave Tencza noted that although judicial resources are lacking, judges are doing a good job in keeping up with the caseload, in spite of the challenges.

F. Leadership Academy Project Presentations

Leadership Academy Co-Chair Abby Sykas Karoutas thanked the Board and the Steering Committee for their work over the years with helping make Leadership Academy a successful venture.

Presentations were made as follows:

Group B – Member Tony Sculimbrene outlined their project; preparing and taping six CLE “primers” on specific, discrete areas of law—something easily digestible and a good starting point for new lawyers, solo practitioners, and individuals looking into expanding their practice area. They have chosen topics they are familiar with individually. For example, Anthony Sculimbrene is the lead coordinator on the DWI primer. They will all be 1-hour on-line videos. The group did a brief demo of the DWI presentation and distributed the materials. Of particular note are the materials, which are done as Sketchnotes (a visual form of note-taking that can include drawings, various lettering sizes and styles, color, icons, arrows, boxes, etc.).

Following the presentation, questions and answers, the **Board approved the project.**

Group A – Member Kirk Simoneau outlined their project; developing a course for UNH School of Law consisting of three components:

- A workshop where lawyers will present law students with tips for effective networking
- A networking event where students can practice their skills and build relationships with members of the bar association, and
- An opportunity for each student to “shadow” for a day one of the lawyers they meet at the networking event.

The event is slated for the Fall semester (Sept. 2013). The group distributed a handout of their project outline that, when turned over, demonstrates how the group believes the project "can fly." A copy of the curriculum will be provided to the Board once completed (April/May timeframe). Public Sector Governor Chuck Temple is assisting with this endeavor on the law school side.

Following the presentation, questions and answers, the **Board approved the project.**

G. Legislation Reports

John MacIntosh

NHBA Lobbyist John MacIntosh reported that it has been a mild legislative year. So far all bills the NHBA has supported passed and all bills NHBA has opposed are dead.

A surprise earlier this week is a legislative effort to retire Superior Court functions in Hillsborough South. Work is ongoing to oppose this measure.

H. Strategic Thinking and Resource Planning Jeannine McCoy

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy asked Board members to review the ABA Division for Bar Services proposal for an NHBA Strategic Review and Planning Initiative.

This is something the Association will be doing in the coming months, wrapping up in the fall.

I. President's Report Larry Vogelman

President Larry Vogelman reported on the status of two of his initiatives that have started:

The SOLACE Program has received tremendous support from the bar.

The Veterans initiative - the initial meeting was great, generating a lot of ideas and interested members. Some of the ideas being explored include training "CASA-type" advocates to appear with veterans in court and a Fellowship at UNH School of Law to coordinate veterans' program clinics and training. Legal clinics will be coordinated with the VA, and training for lawyers and judges re the special challenges for veteran clients, and services available to vets that may assist with diversion and resolution of other issues.

J. Executive Director's Report Jeannine McCoy

Executive Director Jeannine McCoy reported on the following:

- Slate of Candidates for 2013 Board Election – was distributed. This year there are contested races for Governor-at-Large and Merrimack County governors.
- You Should Know Activity Update was distributed and some highlights noted.
- Bar Center to be closed – on Monday, March 11 as the staff will be in a full-day training on The Associate, the new membership database.
- InReach Award to NHBA CLE Director – Joanne Hinnendael received the InReach Partners in Excellence Award! The national press release from InReach was distributed to the Board.

K Executive Director Recognition Larry Vogelman

President Larry Vogelman ended the meeting with recognition of Executive Director Jeannine McCoy on her 30 years with the NHBA!

ADJOURNMENT

The March 7, 2013 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice DeStefano, for
Peter E. Hutchins, Secretary

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Membership Status Changes

Presented to the Board of Governors March 7, 2013

Active to **INACTIVE**

Dhanda, Michelle C.S., Needham, MA (effective February 21, 2013)
Licata, Daniel J., Boston, MA (effective February 28, 2013)
Szarenski, Evan D., Chicago, IL (effective March 1, 2013)
Willhite, Elizabeth A., S. Royalton, VT (effective February 19, 2013)

Active to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

Lightfoot, John Howard, Goffstown, NH (effective February 28, 2013)
Phillips, Sheri L., Stratham, NH (effective February 20, 2013)
Tanguay, William L., Dover, NH (effective February 25, 2013)

Inactive to **ACTIVE**

Ogden, Rudolph W. III, Hooksett, NH (effective February 20, 2013)

Inactive to **INACTIVE RETIRED**

Steelman, David C., Manchester, NH (effective February 15, 2013)

Suspended to **ACTIVE**

Heal, Laird J., Worcester, MA (effective February 21, 2013)

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

Derby, Scott E., Bridgeport, CT (effective February 15, 2013)