

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
Radisson Hotel – Curriers – Manchester  
4:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jennifer L. Parent	Paul R. Pudloski
Lawrence A. Vogelmann	Elyse S. Alkalay
Jaye Rancourt	Mark E. Beaudoin
Peter E. Hutchins	Brooksley C. Belanger
Robert R. Howard, III	Christopher C. Buck
Marilyn B. McNamara	Kysa M. Crusco
Lisa Wellman-Ally	Joel T. Emlen
Eric D. Cook	Francesca Hennessy
Quentin J. Blaine	Suzanne S. McKenna
Jonathan M. Eck	Meagan T. Munsey
Jacki S. Smith	Lyndsee D. Paskalis
Judith L. Homan	Jamie L. Pond
John G. McCormick	Thomas E. Walker, Jr.
Jason R. Crance	Jeannine L. McCoy
Philip L. Pettis	Denice M. DeStefano
Christopher T. Regan	Virginia A. Martin
Russell F. Hilliard	Daniel R. Wise
John D. MacIntosh	Joanne Hinnendael
Anthony A. McManus	Paula D. Lewis
Richard Y. Uchida	Valenda Morrissette

A meeting notice reminder was emailed February 27, 2012. Additional materials were noticed via email and emailed March 5, 2012. The final agenda and additional materials were distributed at the meeting. 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 voting Board members present.

A. CALL TO ORDER Jennifer Parent

The March 6, 2012 Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Bar Association President Jennifer L. Parent

B. Membership Status Changes for March 2012 Denice DeStefano

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

C. Minutes of February 16, 2012 Meeting Peter Hutchins

Minutes of the February 16, 2012 Board of Governors meeting **were approved as presented.**

D. Financial Statements through January 2012

Rob Howard

The **Board received** financial statements through January 2012, as approved by the BOG Committee on Administration.

**PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

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

All Board Members

Association ABA Delegate Russ Hilliard reported that he learned that NH has no paid dues to the National Conference of Uniform Commissioners and asked if that could be taken care of.

Public Sector Governor Jacki Smith reported that the public sector members are hoping that the Bar can “hold the line” on Bar dues and Public Protection Fund fees in the next fiscal year. Jacki also offered “kudos” to the Bar and the CLE department for offering outstanding programs for public interest lawyers at very reasonable fees.

Strafford County Governor Chris Regan reported that folks in his county are apprehensive about the Circuit Court.

Treasurer Rob Howard reported that the financial statements indicate the budget is favorable.

Governor-at-Large Jonathan Eck reported that the New Lawyers Committee is working hard on the Battle of the Lawyers scheduled April 17. If any Board members have suggestions for good closing arguments please contact Ned Sackman of the New Lawyers Committee. Jonathan also noted that the Ethics Committee articles in *Bar News* are being well received.

Rockingham County Governor Phil Pettis reported the Rockingham County Bar is active and has a good group of people involved. Their next meeting is March 27.

Grafton County Governor Jason Crance reported that he continued to email updates to Grafton County members after each BOG meeting.

Coos County Governor John McCormick reported that the Circuit Court Call Center is not operating as efficiently as hoped, at least for Coos county members.

Governor-at-Large Quentin Blaine reported members in his area have expressed concerns with the Circuit Court Call Center and the ADO Report.

Belknap County Governor Judy Homan reported the County Bar is in re-organization mode and hopes to begin meeting again in the near future.

Vice President Jaye Rancourt reported that if any NHBA Sections are looking for more information on the ADO Report, she will be happy to attend a section meeting and provide that.

F. Leadership Academy Project Presentations

Richard Uchida  
Jaye Rancourt  
Academy Participants

NHBA Leadership Academy Co-chair Richard Uchida recapped for the Board how the leadership academy came to be and talked briefly about year two of the Academy and the group projects.

Group A ~ consisting of Elyse Alkalay, Francesca Hennessy, Mark Beaudoin, Lyndsee Paskalis, Kysa Crusco and Thomas Walker ~ outlined their project, titled “Fostering Legal Independence”, for the Board.

I. They outlined their project goals and objectives:

- Establish an annual practical skills seminar for young adults “aging out” of New Hampshire’s Foster Care System,
- Provide a forum in which these young adults can learn the skills needed for a smoother transition into the work force, as well as, identify and be educated on those civil legal issues common to this age group,
- Create an open and friendly environment, staffed by attorney role models, in which these young adults would be free to ask questions and share their concerns regarding the above-mentioned issues;

explained how they gathered the list of issues to be addressed, how the information will be presented, what the completion date is and how their project will be evaluated.

They then answered questions from the Board.

Group B ~ consisting of Brooksley Belanger, Jamie Pond, Suzanne McKenna, Joel Emlen, Chris Buck and Meagan Munsey ~ outlined their project on Work-Life Balance for the Board and explained why they choose this topic and how after surveying members, they distilled it down to three areas to be addressed: 1) Health & Wellness, 2) Scheduling Strategies, and 3) Finances and how they expect the Website to be formatted and managed. They are looking to launch the Work-Life Balance website in conjunction with Law Day in NH, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

They then answered questions from the Board.

G. President’s Report

Jennifer Parent

- Gold Stars this month go to the Leadership Academy participants!
- ABA/ADO Recommendations Work – Jennifer reported that there will be a table set up near the Bar’s registration area at the Midyear Meeting to make members aware of the contents of the report and recommendations and to solicit feedback.
- County/Local Bar Meeting Visits – Jennifer asked Board members to please let her know if she hasn’t yet visited their local Bar Association so she can make plans to attend an upcoming meeting.

H. Executive Director's Report

Jeannine McCoy

- You Should Know Activity Update – was distributed. Of special note is that NHBA Pro Bono Director **Ginny Martin has been appointed to the Legal Services Corporation's national Pro Bono Taskforce**, which is chaired by Martha Minow, Vice Chair of the LSC Board and Dean of the Harvard Law School. Ginny is serving on both the obstacles and rural delivery work groups. The goal of the taskforce is “to identify best practices for enhancing pro bono services in rural and urban areas and through technology, to examine the obstacles that hamper or discourage pro bono services, and to formulate “big ideas” for pro bono services in the context of legal aid programs.
- Slate of Candidates for 2012 Board Election – there are two (2) contested seats in the upcoming election, Governor-at-Large and Hillsborough North. The full slate of candidates will be emailed.
- Judge Tenney's condition has improved and he is now hospitalized in Manchester. The leadership is working with the Court to establish an account to accept anonymous donations on the family's behalf. Information will be in the next eBulletin and *Bar News*.

An immediate need for the family is housing in the Manchester area on Friday and Saturday nights for the next several weeks. If you, or someone you know, is able to help with this please let Larry know.

Vice President Jaye Rancourt made the following Motion:

**MOTION**

To approve Groups A & B Leadership Academy Projects as presented. PASSED (unanimously)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The March 6, 2012 Board of Governors Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denice M. DeStefano, for  
Peter E. Hutchins, Secretary

## NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION

### Membership Status Changes

**Presented to the Board of Governors March 6, 2012**

Paid Active to **INACTIVE**

Thaler, Jeffrey A., Portland, ME (effective February 22, 2012)

Paid Inactive to **ACTIVE**

Aylesworth, Thomas W., Braintree, MA (effective February 21, 2012)

Buffum, Paul, Wilton, NH (effective February 22, 2012)

Keane, Catherine A., Concord, NH (effective February 14, 2012)

Rodger Yim, Jessica, Arlington, MA (effective February 10, 2012)

New Admittees selecting **INACTIVE** status

Smith, Julian W., Boston, MA (effective January 1, 2012)

Paid Inactive Retired to **INACTIVE**

Keyes, Shannon M., East Grand Rapids, MI (effective February 7, 2012)

Paid Full Time Judicial to **ACTIVE**

Rein Deborah K., Bow, NH (effective February 23, 2012)

Suspended for non-payment of 2011-2012 dues to **ACTIVE**

Folsom, Carrie, Bristol, CT (effective February 14, 2012)

Moran, Joseph C., Andover, MA (effective February 14, 2012)