

## THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION Annual Meeting

## MINUTES January 27, 2017 New York City

PRESENT: Aidala; Alcott; Alsina; Alvarez; Arenson; Baker; Barrett; Bauman; Behe; Berman; Block; Bloom; Bonina; Braverman; Brown, E.; Brown, J.; Brown, T.A.; Bruno; Burns, S.; Buzard; Calcagni; Carola; Cassidy; Castellano; Chambers; Chandrasekhar; Chang; Cheng; Christian; Christopher; Cilenti; Clarke; Cohen, C.; Cohen, D.; Cohen, O.; Cooper; Corbin; Dean; DeFelice; Denton; Disare; Edgar; Effman; England; Ferrara; Finerty; First; Fisher; Flanagan; Flynn; Fox, G.; Fox, M.; Franchina; Freedman; Gaal; Gaddis; Gailliard; Gallagher; Galligan; Gayle; Genoa; Gingold; Gische; Glover; Goldberg Velzaquez; Goldenberg; Goldfarb; Goldschmidt; Gonzalez; Grays; Greenberg; Grogan; Grossman; Gutekunst; Haig; Halpern; Heath; Hetherington; Himes; Hines; Hoffman; Hollyer; Hurteau; Hyer; Jackson; James; Jochmans; Karson; Kase; Kelly; Kiernan, P.; Kiesel; King, B.; Kobak; Koch; Krausz; LaRose; Lau-Kee; Lee; Levy; Lewis; Lindenauer; Madden; Madigan; Makofsky; Mancuso; Mandell, Adam; Maroney; Martin; Masucci; McCann; McKeegan; McNamara; Meisenheimer; Meyers; Miller, C.; Miller, G.; Miller, M.; Millon; Miranda; Moore; Moretti; Moses; Moskowitz; Napoletano; Nathanson; O'Donnell, T.; Ogden; Onderdonk; Owens; Prager; Radding; Ranni; reitzfeld; Richman; Richter; Rivera; Rosner; Russell; Samuels; Schofield; Schraver; Schwenker; Sciocchetti; Seddio; Shafer; Shamoon; Shautsova; Sheehan; Silkenat; Silverman; Simmons; Singer; Smith; Sonberg; Spirer; Spiro; Spitler; Standard; Starkman; Steinhardt; Strenger; Sullivan; Sunshine; Tennant; Thaler-Parker; Tully; Udell; Ventura; Vigdor; Vitacco; Wallach; Wasmund; Weathers; Welch; Westlake; Weston; Whittingham; Wildgrube; Williams; Witmer; Younger; Zuchlewski.

President John H. Gross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of minutes:** On a motion duly made and carried, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of The New York Bar Foundation on January 29, 2016 were approved.

Report of officers: John H. Gross, President presented the 2016 Annual Reports of The New York Bar Foundation, copies of which were distributed. The Annual Report sets forth in detail the operations and activities of the Foundation during 2016. Mr. Gross highlighted several new initiatives described in the Annual Report including:

- 1. The Foundation implemented a new fundraising initiative, the firm challenge which raised \$60,000.
- 2. Two new scholarships were created honoring the late Chief Judge Kaye. Overall The Foundation presented \$90,000 in scholarships and fellowships in partnership with various sections of the state bar.
- 3. The Foundation presented more than \$7,000 in disaster assistance to Louisiana to assist those in need of legal services.
- 4. A new fundraising initiative was created with the Young Lawyers Section and Friends of the Foundation giving group. Mr. John Christopher spoke on behalf of the Young Lawyers about the fundraising that was done to assist Veterans in need of legal services.

**Ratification and confirmation of actions of the Board**: A motion was adopted ratifying, confirming and approving the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2016 Annual Meeting.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, committee member Carla Palumbo placed in nomination the following slate of nominees presented by the Committee for the position of Director for terms commencing June 1, 2017 for term ending May 31, 2020:

- June Castellano, Rochester
- Donald Doerr, Syracuse
- James Kobak, New York
- Ellis Mirsky, Nanuet

A motion was adopted electing said Directors.

Mr. Gross closed his report by reminding attendees that the Foundation is holding an annual meeting week appeal and that The Foundation will become the custodian of a restricted fund in the amount of \$1 million to administer the Catalyst Public Service Fellowship Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.