

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
April 3, 2020**

Present: Karina E. Alomar, Jonathan B. Behrins, Mark A. Berman, Earamichica Brown, Norman P. Effman, Donna England, Margaret J. Finerty, Evan M. Goldberg, Henry M. Greenberg, Andre R. Jaglom, Scott M. Karson, Sherry Levin Wallach, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Michael Miller, Domenick Napoletano, Marne L. Onderdonk, Aimee L. Richter, William T. Russell, Jr., Diana S. Sen, Rona G. Shamoon, Carol A. Sigmond, Mark T. Starkman, David H. Tennant.

Guests: Dean Aviva Abramovsky, Cynthia Arato, T. Andrew Brown, Hyun Suk Choi, Jean F. Gerbini, Mitchell J. Katz, David E. McCraw, Ronald C. Minkoff, Mark A. Moretti, Joseph E. Neuhaus, Taier Perlman, Hon. Stan L. Pritzker, Christopher R. Riano, Mirna M. Santiago, Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, Adam Seidel, Roy D. Simon.

Mr. Greenberg presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. Approval of minutes of meeting. The minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Consent calendar:
 - a. Approval of stipend increase for President and President-Elect.
 - b. Approval of investment bank resolutions.
 - c. Approval of amendments to bylaws of Senior Lawyers Section.
 - d. Approval of amendments to bylaws of Corporate Counsel Section.
 - e. Approval of presidential appointees to House of Delegates.

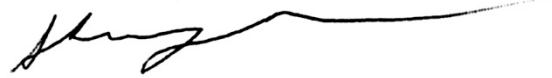
Items b-e of the consent calendar, consisting of the above items, were approved by voice vote.

3. Report of President. Mr. Greenberg highlighted the items contained in his written report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. He also thanked the departing members of the Executive Committee for their service.
4. Report of Treasurer. In his capacity as Treasurer, Mr. Napoletano reported on the impact of Covid-19 on the Association's projected revenue and expenses through June 2020. In addition, he reported on the impact of the financial crisis on Association investments. The report was received with thanks.
5. Report and recommendations of Committee on Membership. Mitchell J. Katz and Hyun Suk Choi, co-chairs of the committee, presented a proposal to restructure the Association's dues structure. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the proposal.

6. Report and recommendations of Committee on LGBTQ People and the Law. Christopher R. Riano, chair of the committee, reviewed a proposed *amicus curiae* brief for submission to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve *amicus* participation.
7. Report and recommendations of Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct. Prof. Roy D. Simon, co-chair of the committee, together with committee member Joseph E. Neuhaus, reviewed the committee's proposed amendments to Rule 7.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the proposals for favorable action by the House.
8. Report and recommendations of Task Force on Rural Justice. Hon. Stan L. Pritzker and Taier Perlman, co-chairs of the Task Force, presented the Task Force's recommendations to ensure access to justice for rural communities. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the report and recommendations for favorable action by the House.
9. Report and recommendations of Task Force on the New York Bar Examination. Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, chair of the Task Force, outlined the Task Force's recommendations with respect to the administration of the bar examination in New York. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the report and recommendations for favorable action by the House.
10. Report and recommendations of Task Force on Autonomous Vehicles and the Law. Dean Aviva Abramovsky, chair of the Task Force, reviewed the Task Force's recommendations for the regulation of autonomous vehicles; testing policies for autonomous vehicles; and liability and insurance. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the report and recommendations for favorable action by the House.
11. Report and recommendations of Task Force on Free Expression in the Digital Age. Cynthia Arato and David E. McCraw, co-chairs of the Task Force, outlined the Task Force's recommendations with respect to libel reform; FOIL reform; transparency; encouragement of nonprofits; and expanded legal services. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the report and recommendations for favorable action by the House.
12. Report and recommendations of International Section. In his capacity as past section chair, Mr. Jaglom reviewed the section's request for NYSBA co-sponsorship of a resolution being presented to the ABA House of Delegates at its August 2020 meeting regarding election reform and an end to armed conflict in Cameroon. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the request.
13. New Business. In his capacity as co-chair of the Task Force on the Parole System, Mr. Russell updated the committee on the Task Force's work, particularly with respect to the release of inmates in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The report was received with thanks.

14. Date and place of next meeting.
Friday, June 12, 2020
Virtual Meeting
15. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sherry Levin Wallach
Secretary

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
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CONFERENCE CALL
June 1, 2020**

Present: Mark A. Berman, T. Andrew Brown, David Louis Cohen, Norman P. Effman, Donna England, Margaret J. Finerty, Jean F. Gerbini, Sarah E. Gold, Henry M. Greenberg, Richard M. Gutierrez, Andre R. Jaglom, Scott M. Karson, Sherry Levin Wallach, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Ronald C. Minkoff, Domenick Napoletano, Marne L. Onderdonk, Aimee L. Richter, William T. Russell, Jr., Robert T. Schofield, IV, Adam Seiden, Diana S. Sen, Carol A. Sigmond, Jean Marie Westlake.

Guest: John H. Gross.

Mr. Karson presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. New Task Forces. Mr. Karson announced that he would appoint three new task forces: A Task Force on Nursing Homes and Long Term Care Facilities, to examine issues identified in the May 2020 report of the Health Law Section; a Task Force on Covid-19 Immunity and Liability, to address issues such as those presented under contract and tort law; and a Task Force on Virtual Discovery and Trials, to examine the extent to which virtual proceedings should be utilized. He asked members of the committee to contact him with recommendations for membership on these task forces.
2. Recommendations of Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules for *amicus curiae* participation. In his capacity as co-chair of the Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules, Mr. Napoletano outlined issues raised in the Appellate Division, Second Department opinion of *Aybar v. Aybar*, relating to the question of whether a foreign corporation's decision to register in New York State and appoint the Secretary of State as its agent for service of process constitutes consent to jurisdiction in New York courts. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve *amicus* participation. Messrs. Karson, Minkoff and Russell and Ms. Richter will serve as a subcommittee to review the brief before filing. Mr. Cohen and Ms. Onderdonk abstained from participating in the discussion and vote.
3. Proposed New York Practice Program for Law School Graduates. Mr. Berman outlined a proposed free program to be offered to law school graduates during summer 2020. After discussion, it was agreed to hold consideration in abeyance in order to obtain information regarding staff allocation and resources.
4. Proposal for 2021 Gala. John H. Gross, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that consideration was being given to moving the 2021 Gala, currently scheduled for January 2021 during the Annual Meeting, to April 2021 in light of the uncertainty as to holding large events. The report was received with thanks.

5. Consideration of Civil Rights Law §50-a. Mr. Effman observed that legislation to repeal or amend the statute is under discussion and asked whether the Association should participate in the consideration. It was noted that the Task Force on Free Expression in the Digital Age is continuing its study of the topic. Mr. Karson advised that the topic can be included for further consideration at the June 12, 2020 meeting.
6. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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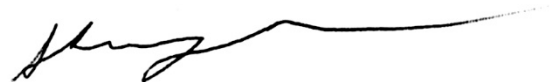
**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
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CONFERENCE CALL
June 9, 2020**

Present: Mark A. Berman, T. Andrew Brown, David Louis Cohen, Norman P. Effman, Donna England, Margaret J. Finerty, Jean F. Gerbini, Henry M. Greenberg, Richard M. Gutierrez, Andre R. Jaglom, Scott M. Karson, Sherry Levin Wallach, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Ronald C. Minkoff, Domenick Napoletano, Marne L. Onderdonk, Aimee L. Richter, William T. Russell, Jr., Mirna M. Santiago, Robert T. Schofield, IV, Adam Seiden, Diana S. Sen, Tucker C. Stanclift.

Mr. Karson presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. Consideration of Civil Rights Law §50-a. Mr. Karson noted that legislation to repeal the statute is under consideration and asked whether the Association should take a position in light of the fact that legislation is likely to be passed by the Legislature imminently. After discussion, including the observation that Association groups have differing views on repeal of the statute, a motion was adopted to support repeal.
2. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Levin Wallach
Secretary