

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
REMOTE MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2021**

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Present: Jonathan B. Behrins, Mark A. Berman, T. Andrew Brown, John P. Christopher, 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, Mark J. Moretti, Domenick Napoletano, Aimee L. Richter, William T. Russell, Jr., Mirna M. Santiago, Robert T. Schofield, IV, Diana S. Sen, Carol A. Sigmond, Tucker C. Stanclift, Jean Marie Westlake.

Guests: James A. Barnes, Prof. Michael L. Fox, Evan M. Goldberg, Hon. Ronald J. Hedges, Shawndra G. Jones, David P. Miranda, Christopher R. Riano, Hasan Shafiqullah.

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

1. Approval of minutes of meetings. The minutes of the November 6, 2020 and December 16, 2020 meetings were approved as distributed.
2. Consent calendar:
  - a. Mission Statement of Committee on the NYS Constitution.
  - b. Bylaws of LGBTQ Law Section.

The consent calendar, consisting of the above items, was approved by voice vote. The LGBTQ Law Section was asked to amend its bylaws to state that the section may “propose” litigation rather than “engage in.”

3. Report of Treasurer. In his capacity as Treasurer, Mr. Napoletano reported that through December 31, 2020, the Association’s total revenue was \$22,031,000, a decrease of approximately \$1.7 million from the previous year, and total expenses were \$19.2 million, a decrease of approximately \$2.3 million over 2019. The report was received with thanks.
4. Report of Executive Director. Pamela McDevitt, Executive Director, and Gerard McAvey, Director of Marketing, updated the Executive Committee with respect to staffing, expenses, Annual Meeting, and technology. The report was received with thanks.
5. Report of Committee on NYSBA Facilities. David P. Miranda, chair of the committee, together with committee member Michael McNamara, updated the Executive Committee with respect to its ongoing review of the use of the One Elk Street premises and discussions with representatives of The New York Bar Foundation. The report was received with thanks.

6. Report and recommendations of Committee on Mandated Representation. In his capacity as past chair of the committee, Mr. Effman presented proposed amendments to the Standards for Mandated Representation, originally approved by the House of Delegates in 2005 and intended to provide guidance to providers of mandated representation to ensure the provision of high-quality legal representation. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the amendments for favorable action by the House.
7. Report and recommendations of Committee on Technology and the Profession. Hon Ronald J. Hedges, co-chair of the committee, presented a proposal that New York adopt a version of Rule 502 of the Federal Rules of Evidence related to inadvertent disclosure. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.
8. Report of Committee on Association Communications and Publications. Prof. Michael L. Fox, chair of the committee, presented an informational report on the committee's activities and goals for 2021. The report was received with thanks.
9. Report re Legislative Activities. Evan Goldberg, chair of the Committee on Legislative Policy, together with Director of Policy Hilary Jochmans, updated the Executive Committee with respect to state and federal legislative activity. The report was received with thanks.
10. Report of Committee on Continuing Legal Education. James R. Barne sand Shawndra G. Jones, co-chairs of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education, together with Senior Director Katherine Suchocki, provided an update on the Association's continuing legal education program, including revenue and expenses and new policies and initiatives. The report was received with thanks.
11. Report of President. Mr. Karson highlighted the items contained in his written report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes,
12. Report and recommendations of Committee on Immigration Representation. Hasan Shafiqullah, chair of the committee, reviewed the committee's report recommending the creation of an Article I immigration court to insulate immigration adjudication from political pressure. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.
13. Report of LGBTQ Law Section. Christopher R. Riano, chair of the section, updated the House regarding the section's activities since the House approved its creation in November 2020. The report was received with thanks.
14. New Business.

Vaccine Prioritization. The Committee on Legal Aid and the Committee on Mandated Representation presented a request that the Association support vaccine prioritization for certain classes of attorneys and that this request be transmitted to the Governor. After

discussion, a motion was adopted to postpone consideration to permit consultation with other groups and that a meeting be scheduled afterward to consider the request.

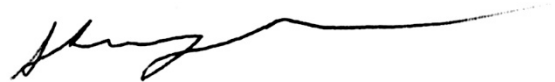
15. Date and place of next meeting.

Friday, April 9, 2021

Remote Meeting

16. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sherry Levin Wallach  
Secretary