

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
April 9, 2021**

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

Guests: Simeon H. Baum, Hon. Lucy Billings, Christopher Bopst, Orin J. Cohen, Evan M. Goldberg, Taa R. Grays, John H. Gross, Souren A. Israelyan, LaMarr Jackson, Steven A. Leventhal, A. Thomas Levin, Thomas J. Maroney, Edwina F. Martin, Michael J. McNamara, David P. Miranda, Joseph E. Neuhaus, Judith M. Nolfo, Hon. Karen K. Peters, Sandra Rivera, Alan Rothstein, Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, David M. Schrauer, Nancy Sciochetti, Lauren E. Sharkey, Roy D. Simon, Kathleen M. Sweet, Thomas Weingard

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

1. Approval of minutes of meetings. The minutes of the January 28, and February 9, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed.
2. Consent calendar:
 - a. Approval of amendments to bylaws of International Section.
 - b. Approval of award of Committee on Veterans.
 - c. Approval of presidential appointments to House of Delegates.
 - d. Approval of amendments to sections Caucus operating rules.

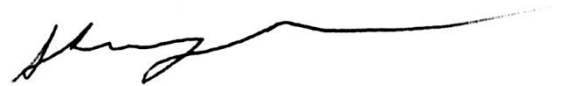
The consent calendar, consisting of the above items, were approved by voice vote.

3. Report of President. Mr. Karson 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 association's operations for the first two months of 2021, including dues, CLE, and annual Meeting. The report was received with thanks.
5. Report of Finance Committee. John H. Gross, chair of the Finance Committee, presented an overview of financial projections for the next 10 years, including declining dues revenue and deficit budgets. The report was received with thanks.

6. Report of Committee on NYSBA Facilities. David P. Miranda, chair of the committee, updated the Executive Committee regarding lease negotiations with The New York Bar Foundation for the facility at One Elk Street. The report was received with thanks.
7. Report of President's Committee on Access to Justice. In his capacity as co-chair of the committee, Mr. Brown, together with co-chair Edwina F. Martin, provided an update on the committee's work, including the activities of the committee's subcommittees. The report was received with thanks.
8. Report and recommendations of Committee on Veterans. Committee member Judith F. Nolfo outlined a proposed pro bono program to assist service members with the preparation of powers of attorney and basic wills. After discussion, a motion was adopted approve the committee's proposal.
9. Report and recommendations of Committee on the New York State Constitution and Local and State Government Law Section. Hon. Karen K. Peters, Christopher Bopst, Alan Rothstein and A. Thomas Levin, representatives of the committee and section, reviewed a proposed amendment to the State Constitution with respect to municipal home rule. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.
10. Report and recommendations of Local and State Government Law Section. Section members steven A. Leventhal and A. Thomas Levin presented an affirmative legislative proposal recommending amendment of General Municipal Law §808 with respect to training for local boards of ethics. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the report and recommendations.
11. Report of Task Force on Racial Injustice and Police Reform. Task Force co-chairs T. Andrew Brown and Taa R. Grays updated the Executive Committee on the Task Force's work and its planned recommendations. The report was received with thanks.
12. Report and recommendations of Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct. Prof. Roy D. Simon, chair of the committee, together with committee member Joseph E. Neuhaus, reviewed the committee's proposed amendments to the comments to Rule 1.8(e) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. After discussion, a motion was adopted to endorse the proposals for favorable action by the House.
13. Report and recommendations of Committee on CPLR. Committee co-chairs Souren a. Israelyan and Domenick Napoletano, together with committee members Hon. Lucy Billings and Thomas Weingard, presented affirmative legislative proposals to amend CPLR 312-a (substituted service by social media, e-mail, or other technology); CPLR 2106 (elimination of notarization requirement for unrepresented parties); and CPLR 3113 and 3207 (remote deposition option). After discussion, motions were adopted to approve the proposals.

14. Report of Task Force on the NYS Bar Examination. Hon. Alan D. Scheinkman, chair of the Task Force, reported on the remote administration of the bar examination and the Task Force's work in studying the future of the examination. The report was received with thanks.
15. Report re legislative activity. Evan M. Goldberg, chair of the Committee on Legislative Policy, together with Director of Policy Hilary F. Jochmans, provided an update on the committee's work as well as legislative activity and the state budget. They introduced Cheyenne Burke as the Association's Governmental Relations associate. The report was received with thanks.
16. New Business.
 - a. Mr. Lewis raised a question as to why the association was not asked for its input with respect to the recently adopted Uniform Rules for the Supreme Court and the County Court. Mr. Karson advised that a group would be appointed to review the rules and make recommendations that would be communicated to the Office of Court Administration.
 - b. Mr. Berman recommended the establishment of a task force to consider issues surrounding voting rights.
17. Report of The New York Bar Foundation. David M. Schraver, chair of The Foundation's lease negotiation committee, reported on the committee's work with the Association's Committee on NYSBA Facilities. The report was received with thanks.
18. Date and place of next meeting.
Friday, June 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting
19. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Levin Wallach
Secretary