

**WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**January 28, 2017**

**New York Life Insurance Company**

**New York, NY**

A quorum being present, the Executive Committee meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Kraengel, seconded by Linda Morrone to approve the Executive Committee minutes of November 19, 2017. The motion passed.

Upon review of the Executive Committee teleconference minutes of November 28, 2016, a revision was made to reflect the correct spelling of Deborah Rosenthal's name. A motion was made by Danielle Strauch, seconded by Rebecca Kennedy to approve the minutes with that correction. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Lourdes Ventura reported that WBASNY has a balance of \$242,100.95. She thanked all the chapters for supplying tax information and reported that WBASNY's taxes have been filed. Treasurer Ventura also reminded everyone that some chapters have outstanding balances to pay and those must be made by January 31, 2017.

**President's Report**

President Flug thanked the New York chapter for the program they hosted last night, which included a showing of Equal Means Equal. A discussion ensued regarding showing the movie at other events.

President Flug reported on the many events she has attended since the last meeting. To wit: an event at Maria Cortese's home in recognition of the chief prosecutor at The Hague; Queens' Judiciary Night; Nassau's Holiday Party; Suffolk's Judiciary Night; NYCLA's Holiday Dinner; and some events at NYSBA's Bar Week.

President Flug reported that on April 25<sup>th</sup>, WBASNY will be holding a dinner to present the Betty Weinberg Ellerin Mentoring Award to Hon. Karen Peters, the first female presiding judge of Third Department, who is retiring in December. This event will take place at the Renaissance Hotel in Albany, NY. Hotel rooms have been blocked off and more details will be distributed soon.

President Flug next gave a follow-up report regarding buses to the Women's March. WBASNY co-sponsored a bus out of Rochester with another community organization that did not have a full bus. NYWBA marched in NYC. It has been suggested that WBASNY draft a letter thanking the NYPD for a job well done during the marches.

President Flug reported on the judicial screening that took place. Rowan Wilson received the Governor's nomination. He was very grateful for WBASNY's ratings and sent a thank you note. President Flug reminded the chapters of the timing of the staggered representation on the Judicial Screening committee.

President Flug described the award given to WBASNY by NYSBA for the voter registration drive and she reported that the Family Friendly Committee has planned an outing to the Lion King on Broadway on March 4. Tickets are \$95 and space is limited.

President Flug reported that the Governor's office has called on three occasions to ask for quotes from WBASNY; once about Rowan Wilson, once about the clemency and pardoning; and once regarding free contraception and women's healthcare.

President Flug circulated the Pay Equity Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo. Per the Governor's Executive Order, employees at state jobs will not be asked what their current pay is until conditional offer of employment given.

A reminder that Lobby Day will be May 9<sup>th</sup> in Albany.

### **Upcoming Events**

Kelly Pressler spoke about Habitat Build Day which will be April 1<sup>st</sup> in Newburgh, NY. Leyla Kiosse spoke about Read across America which will take place on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Pro Bono Matrimonial Clinic**

Patricia Fersch from NYSBA discussed the NYWBA Pro Bono Matrimonial Clinic. This program seeks to provide attorneys for indigent litigants but limited the attorney's role to 25 hours.

### **By-Laws**

Beth Bryson reported on behalf of the By-Laws Committee regarding the changes needed to be made to WBASNY's by-laws and the chapters' by-laws, as well as a timeline for such changes. A discussion ensued.

### **Chapter Updates**

Queens, Brooklyn, Western, Westchester, GRAWA, Del-Chen-O, Staten Island, and Orange-Sullivan provided updates regarding Chapter events and accomplishments.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Kara Cavallo, seconded by Elizabeth Kraengel to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Pressler  
Recording Secretary