

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Executive Committee Meeting
March 24, 2018
Albany Law School
Albany, New York

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Margaret Place, seconded by Anne Joynt to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee. The motion passed. A motion was made by Alexandria Zervopoulos, seconded by Christina Randazzo to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee conference call on March 1, 2018. Corrections were made that substitute Kim Berg participated for Lisa Denig and Dana Salazar and Jodie Ryan also participated. The motion passed. A motion was made by Margaret Place, seconded by Dawn Reid-Green to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee conference call on March 21, 2018. A correction was made to the year (2018) and Kelly Pressler was added as a participant, The motion passed.

President's Report

President Amy Baldwin Littman announced that the ratification of the Thousand Island Chapter will be rescheduled for the WBASNY convention. All of the officers are sick with the flu, and were not able to attend the board meeting.

Participation in the Governor's Maternal Mortality Review Board to Save Lives: Issue was tabled until president are able to consult with all of the relevant parties to determine what representatives from WBASNY should be involved.

Vice President Leyla Kiosse participated in the first conference call for the Governor's Adoption Roundtable. Presidents were asked for volunteers to participate in future Adoption Roundtable meetings.

President Baldwin Littman apologized if she offended anyone with her comments in support of the dues increase. She also emphasized that fundraising will be a priority in the coming year, and that chapter participation in fundraising will be important.

The Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry, presiding Justice of the Third Department, is not able to speak at the board meeting. However, she will be speaking at the WBASNY Convention.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Reid-Green explained that WBASNY received large invoices from the accounting firm to assist chapters with the reconciliation of their books. Presidents and treasurers were strongly encouraged to attend Leadership Training July 14-15, 2018 in an effort to avoid helping chapters with such bookkeeping issues in the future.

Fundraising Committee

President Baldwin Littman asked the presidents to make their members aware of WBASNY member benefits and sponsors. She also announced that the settlement was complete for the Scholar Lab contract breach. WBASNY is looking for new vendor to provide online access to CLE programs.

New Business

Dana Salazar stated that incidents during the past year have led the Capital District chapter to reassess its affiliation with WBASNY. President Baldwin Littman and President-Elect Greta Kolcon commented on the real and perceived conflicts within WBASNY and the need to address and move away from a “mean girls culture” and focus instead on working together to promote WBASNY’s mission. Among the ideas are to review and possibly reform WBASNY’s nominations process.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Thompson
Corresponding Secretary