

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Executive Committee Meeting

November 18, 2017

**Syracuse University College of Law
Syracuse, NY**

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jaqueline Flug, seconded by Dana Salazar to approve the Executive Committee minutes of September 23, 2017. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Greta Kolcon, seconded by Dawn Reid-Green to approve the Executive Committee Conference Call minutes of the October 24, 2017. The motion passed.

President's Report

President Littman introduced Alicia Lendon, Interim Acting President of what will become the Thousand Islands Chapter of WBASNY. She reported that Thousand Islands is in the final process their chapter creation. Assuming all goes smoothly, the chapter will be ratified at the January meeting.

President Littman reported that we conducted our first judicial screening of the year since the last Board Meeting, including interviewing Justice Paul Feinman, the Governor's ultimate appointee, and the first open LGBT Judge to be appointed to the Court of Appeals. Vice President Kiosse went to his installation a few weeks ago.

President Littman reported that we held a lot of breast cancer events in October, and reminded the Executive Committee that the chapters can still hold a JALBCA event, even though Breast Cancer Awareness Month has passed. President Littman reported that our chapters were involved in many charitable events, including GRAWA's program for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico and the NYWBA's MS bike ride.

President Littman reported that our last *amicus* brief in the Zenda matter was heard in the Supreme Court in September, so we can look forward to seeing that decision. And the Executive Committee also voted to join in the *amicus* effort in the Masterpiece Cake Shop matter.

President Littman reported that there will be 25 WBASNY members admitted to the United States Supreme Court on December 11th. As it is not an argument day, the group will get a tour and lecture of the Court.

President Littman reported that the night before the January Board Meeting in Manhattan, we will hold a CLE program at Sullivan and Cromwell's downtown office. The program will be a panel discussion moderated by Sandra Rivera about how we can work with the legislators to advance our issues of interest. Panelists will include State Senator Liz Kruger, Assemblywoman Monica Wallace, and Sandy Toll from the governor's task force for women's issues.

Following the Saturday Board Meeting in January at Columbia Law School there will be a family friendly trip to Alladin the Musical. We obtained a limited number of group tickets, so act fast when you hear about them.

President Littman reported that Convention 2019 is in place for the Westin Resort in Savannah, GA, and the Convention Committee will be putting together an array of activities.

President Littman reported that Leadership Training will be at the Emerson Resort and Spa this year for the final time. They are tripling their rates, so we'll have to look for somewhere else starting in 2020.

President Littman reminded Chapter Presidents to look to the calendars they received at Leadership Training for important upcoming deadlines and to keep headquarters up to date on good and bad news at the chapter level, so that we can keep our membership apprised.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Reid-Green reported we have income of \$151,800, and expenses of \$144,300, resulting in a current profit of approximately \$7,000. She reminded the Committee that some chapters owe fees. Emails will be sent by the weekend. She reminded the Committee that it is important to pay your fees, because if your fees are not paid you lose your right to vote at the nominations meeting.

Chapter Goals

President Littman discussed the chapter goals that were submitted by each of the chapters Presidents in order to share ideas and thoughts to help each other move forward. The most common goals were membership and programming and events.

Leadership Styles

Greta K. Kolcon conducted an exercise with the Committee on leadership styles.

Long Range Planning

President Littman reported that each president received a Long Range Planning package put together by the Officers and the association management company, Solutions+ of New York. The purpose is for each President to share the information contained therein with their respective boards. Discussion was held about the issues of a dues increase. President Littman reinforced that we are always looking at cost saving.

President Littman reported that she had hoped to get an information packet to the Committee regarding email voting, but due to some complications that was not able to be completed for distribution. The general gist is that although the Not-for-profit Law was amended, that amendment only allows for email voting in limited circumstances. Email voting is not permitted when a meeting is called to order. Any voting during a formal meeting (either a phone meeting or in person) must be by a person present at the meeting, not by email.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Kelly Pressler, seconded by Myra Freed to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Brown
Recording Secretary