

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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 31, 2019**

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa  
Savannah, Georgia

A quorum being present, the Board of Directors' meeting was called to order at 11:53 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Deirdre Hay, seconded by Dawn Reid-Green, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on March 23, 2019. The motion passed.

### **President's Report**

President Kolcon welcomed everyone to beautiful Savannah, Georgia and provided a brief overview of all of the recent activities and accomplishments of WBASNY. More specifically, WBASNY held a successful Lobby Day in Albany (with thanks to the Hon. Rachel Kretser for providing dinner and to Sandra Rivera for her assistance); with our support, the Domestic Violence Act passed; we participated as an Amicus in Doe v Kentucky; the transfer of Lewis County between our Thousand Island and Mid-York chapters was approved; a survey concerning WBASNY's Legislation Committee process is underway; and the initial proposals of the Nominations Task Force, along with a request to continue the work of the Task Force, were voted on and approved by the Executive Committee.

WBASNY's presence and respect in the community continues to grow and we are receiving more requests from other organizations seeking to collaborate with us to increase the participation of women in their panels, presentations, etc.

WBASNY's Promotion Project was a great success and we hope that our chapters and members will continue to carry that initiative forward in the coming years.

It was a very busy and successful year and thanks were extended to all for their efforts and dedication to advancing the mission of WBASNY.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Rosenthal reported that WBASNY is on good financial footing. The event honoring Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin was a huge success, but our membership dues are below budget, so please continue with the membership drives within the chapters.

### **Convention 2019**

Convention 2019 Co-Chairs Beth Solek, Kathleen Campbell and Theresa Girolamo thanked everyone for coming to convention and reported on some minor changes to the weekend's schedule.

## **Chapter President Reports**

In addition to the distribution of the written Year-End Chapter Reports, the following chapters presented their reports in person: Lisa Licata (Bronx); Kara Addelman (Western New York); Carrie Anne Cavallo (Brooklyn); Kim Berg (Westchester); Dawn Lott (Suffolk); Theresa Girolamo (Del-Chen-O); Janet McFarland (Staten Island); Tina Hartwell (Mid-York); Mindy Zlotogura (Rockland); Katherine Courtney (Rochester); Virginia LoPreto (New York); Adrienne Williams (Queens); and Maureen Crush (Orange-Sullivan).

## **Presentation to Board of Directors**

Gifts of appreciation were presented to members of the Board of Directors.

## **New Business**

For future conventions, Shari Gordon inquired whether WBASNY would be able to establish an “escape clause” from contracts in states that are enacting legislation inconsistent with our mission (e.g., Netflix and Disney just pulled out of Georgia in response to recent legislation). As a possible response to the recent legislation, Amy Baldwin Littman suggested that attendees consider making a contribution to planned parenthood in Georgia and Heather Neu suggested that attendees make purchases in local establishments owned by women, minorities, and members of the LGBTQ community.

A heartfelt thank you was extended to Linda Chiaverini and Scott Gerard and the staff from Solutions+ of New York for all of their work and efforts toward making convention successful.

President-Elect Hay introduced Kamala Lopez, from Equal Means Equal, who will be our keynote speaker at the Installation Dinner on Saturday.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made by Deborah Rosenthal, seconded by Amy Baldwin Littman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa H. Nickson  
Recording Secretary