

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Executive Committee Meeting

January 25, 2020

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

A quorum being present, the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Virginia LoPreto, seconded by Janette Cortes-Gomez to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2019, December 16, 2019 and January 20, 2019 Executive Committee meetings. The motion passed with 3 abstentions.

President's Report

President Hay thanked the Legislative Consultants, Sandra Rivera and Cheryl Kraus, Past President Flug, and Legislative Co-Chair Marea Wachsmann for an excellent CLE on the ERA last night.

President Hay noted that there had been a lot of email correspondence regarding the Capital District Women's Bar Association. She stated that the WBASNY's By-Laws govern a chapter's ability to vote in Nominations, a position also supported by the By-Laws Committee Chairs.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pressler reported that WBASNY had total assets of \$266,359.16. She reminded attendees of upcoming deadlines.

Chapter Reports

Chapters alphabetically from Adirondack through Rockland reported on ways that they have successfully raised funds and membership. The balance of the Chapters's reports were tabled to the next meeting.

Capital District Women's Bar Association ("CDWBA")

Leyla Kiosse stated that CDWBA incorporated and registered its name, but has taken no further action and did not use chapter funds for such processes. President Hay and Ms. Kiosse provided additional details surrounding the correspondence between WBASNY and CDWBA.

There was discussion regarding the meaning of WBASNY By-Laws Article 15, Section 2, specifically relating to the "number of certified members as shown in the Chapter's reports of membership for the period ending January 31 of that fiscal year pursuant to Article IX [sic – should be Article I] Section 7(c) of these By-Laws with timely remittance of per capita charges." Ms. Kiosse stated that it is CDWBA's interpretation of the By-Laws that allows chapters to vote in Nominations provided its current year's per capita charges are paid. Discussion ensued. By-Laws Co-Chair Beth Bryson presented the By-Laws Committee's position; specifically, that the By-Laws have two condition for timely submission, which are certification of members and payment of per capita dues and should that not occur, the penalty under the By-Laws is the prohibition of the non-paying chapter from attending the Nominations voting meeting and from voting at that meeting. Ms. Bryson also described the procedure for the Board of Directors to vote regarding the By-Laws provision. Alicia Lendon stated that she would present this issue at the Board of Directors meeting for a vote.

A motion was made by Deborah Rosenthal, seconded by Shari Sugarman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Neu

Recording Secretary