

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Executive Committee Virtual Meeting
April 18, 2020

A quorum being present, the Executive Committee Meeting was called to Order at approximately 10:02 am.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Deborah Rosenthal, seconded by Irene Angelakis to approve by acclimation the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting from January 25, 2020. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Deborah Rosenthal, seconded by Irene Angelakis to approve by acclimation the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting from February 3 & 20, 2020 and March 4, 2020. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Deborah Rosenthal, seconded by Irene Angelakis to approve by acclimation the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting from March 11, 2020. The motion passed.

President's Report

President Hay noted that the Officers approved reimbursing chapters for the unused portion of board assessments.

Treasurer's Report

Vice President Dawn Reid-Green reported that WBASNY has a total income of \$307,697.56; however, approximately \$20,000 of that is for the Supreme Court admission and will be returned if that event is cancelled.

Court Simplification

Vice President Deborah Rosenthal noted that court simplification was not passed in this year's budget. There is currently a small group working on suggestions on improving the courts to provide to Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks. Vice President Rosenthal asks members with such suggestions to email them to her.

Chapter Membership

Vice President Dawn Reid-Green acknowledged that chapters are in uncharted territory, but encourages new creative ways to engage members, foster resilience, and support each other. Such ideas included: create a member newsletter; host a virtual cooking classes, book club, tour of museum followed by a discussion, CLE, or a Netflix party; encourage mentoring; offer virtual workshops on resume writing and interview skills; share information about virtual offerings by other organizations; or identify new pro bono opportunities.

Chapter Reports

Chapters alphabetically from Staten Island through Western New York reported on ways that they have successfully raised funds and membership.

Small Chapter Initiative

Corresponding Secretary Dawn Lott announced that the Officers will be contacting Mid-York, Thousand Islands, Adirondack, and Del-Chen-O chapters in order to ensure WBANSY is focused on understanding and assisting small chapters and the challenges they face.

One Voice Policy

President Hay discussed WBANSY's One Voice policy; specifically, that WBANSY as a whole speaks on statewide, national, and international matters, and chapters can speak on their own on local issues.

New Business

Janette Cortes-Gomez asked WBANSY to support correspondence to the Court to ensure timely payment of attorneys in the Assigned Counsel Program. Discussion ensued. President Hay will call CAJ Marks to raise this issue.

Irene Angelakis asked if WBANSY had any guidance on installation dinners; President Hay requested chapters observe social distance protocols and noted that the timing of installations has always been a matter of discretion left to chapters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shari Sugarman, seconded by Dawn Reid-Green. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Neu

Recording Secretary