

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Executive Committee Meeting

September 21, 2019

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

A quorum being present, the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:06 am.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Melissa Nickson, seconded by Joy Thompson, to approve the minutes of the minutes of the June 17, 2019, June 24, 2019, and September 3, 2019 Executive Committee meetings. The motion passed.

President's Report

President Hay noted that we have the largest number of attendees for a September Board of Directors meeting. First time attendees were introduced.

President Hay spoke of the success of Convention 2019. As a response to a number of terrific CLEs, WBASNY has created 4 new committees. President Hay noted that there are still open committee co-chair positions and to please pass on the name of any interested members to her.

President Hay outlined the success of WBASNY's legislative priorities in the most recent legislative session.

President Hay discussed a number of celebrations throughout WBASNY, including: Immediate Past President Greta Kolcon recently accepting NCWBA's Outstanding Member Program Award for the Promotion Project at its meeting in San Francisco; Majorie Karowe, WBASNY Past President, will be awarded the Officers' Medal, also known as the Doris S. Hoffman Medal, for outstanding leadership; and Ellen Holtzman, WBASNY Past President, will be appointed to the Rockland County Women Leaders Hall of Fame. Sadly, WBASNY mourns the passing of Sandy Katz, WBASNY Past President and Doris S. Hoffman Medal winner, and WBASNY will be making a donation to JALBCA in her honor.

President Hay notes that WBASNY Officers voted to approve a new contract with Rivera Law, PLLC, WBASNY's legislative consultant. The new contract increases their fee by 10%, as their previous fee was below market.

President Hay encourages 100% participation in #WBASNYGives and announced that the campaign has raised \$1,000 already. She urged that WBASNY needs support from everybody.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Pressler reported that as of September 20, 2019, WBASNY had total assets of \$248,670.91. She presented WBASNY's 2019-2020 budget and noted that a deficit of approximately \$15,000 is anticipated, but that such is normal and convention has historically covered any gap. She also reported that Convention 2019 brought in a profit of \$19,381.52, with approximately \$3,400 in invoices still to be collected.

Treasurer Pressler noted that chapter treasurers are doing a great job. She stated that four chapters have year-end reports outstanding, and these chapters have been contacted, but she is optimistic WBASNY will not have to file an extension to file taxes.

Emerging Leaders

Vice President Reid-Green announced the Emerging Leaders recognition applauding members who carry out WBASNY mission and complete great work for their chapters. Submissions should include a statement explaining why the leader is being submitted, a short bio of them, and their photo.

JALBCA Committee

Past President Flug explained that JALBCA's mission is to promote education for breast cancer in the legal community and to reduce stigma among survivors. She announced that JALBCA will provide speakers for events and provide up to \$250 for food for event and help develop flyers. She can be reached at JaciFlug@aol.com.

Fundraising Committee

Co-Chair Simone Freeman explained that this committee is designed to assist WBASNY in fundraising as well as to provide support for chapters in their fundraising efforts. She encouraged participation in #WBASNYGives in any amount, noting the campaign's initial goal is \$5,000 which is about \$1 per member. She announced that the committee is creating a "cheat sheet" for fundraising ideas for chapters.

Treasurer Pressler and Vice President Nickson answered questions explaining that #WBASNYGives is separate from the board appeal and advised to consider planning to contribute to both.

Voter Registration Drive

Vice President Reid-Green discussed the return of WBASNY's award-winning voter registration drive. The drive's goal is to register 1,000 new voters. Presidents discussed their past and future events for this initiative.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Shari Lee Sugarman, seconded by Irene Angelakis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Neu
Recording Secretary