



PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee Meeting January 30, 2017 Minutes

Attendance: Vince Barbera, Matt Olesh, Eli Klein, Caitlin Duffy, Anna Will Kentz, Mike Witsch, Negar Kordestani, Katelyn Hufe, Stephanie Steckclair, Andre Webb, Jason Poore, Fernando Rivera, Arly Smith-Pearson, Brittany Camp, Caitlin Cherkin, Franz Espanol, David Magagna, Hillary Ladov, Turner Falk, Cati McDonough, Matthew Rubba, Bert Bender, Tianna Kalogerakis, Don Burns, Jr., Erin McKenna, Lauren Friedberg, Lindsay Schoonmaker, Benjamin Fuller, Ernie Holtzheimer, Dana Gittleman, Meghan Claiborne, Tom Szymanski, Taylor Ocasio, Ahmed Khan, Donald Burusct, Melanie Foreman, Theresa Langschultz, Michaela Tassinari. **By Phone:** Sarah Schindler.

I. Chair Announcements

a. Chancellor Deborah Gross

- i. The Chancellor's platform this year is pro bono service. She is convening a forum to discuss ideas.
- ii. The Federal Courts need volunteers for the following panels: prisoner civil rights and employment discrimination.

b. CLE re Habeas petitions (Katelyn)

- i. A CLE with the immigration law section is planned which will address writs of mandamus, the courts as a check to power, and petitions for admission to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

c. EC appointments

- i. Tianna Kalogerakis was appointed by Matt (Chair appointment).
- ii. Michael Witsch appointed to fill vacancy – RATIFIED.

d. EC consideration of proposed bylaws revisions

- i. Revisions in handout – RATIFIED.

e. Board of Governors retreat recap (Michaela)

- i. Topics covered included: importance of judicial commission, supporting pro bono work, helping the community, and coordination amongst the sections of the Bar Association.

II. Treasurer's Report (Anna)

a. Discussion/ratification of budget

- i. Change from Law Week to Youth Courts: \$100.
 - ii. RATIFIED.
- b. Reimbursement process**
 - i. Send original receipt to Anna and she will work with Susan Knight to get you reimbursed via check.
- c. Discussion of lunch costs**
 - i. Please RSVP only if you are actually attending the meeting, so that we do not over-order (over-pay) for lunch
- III. Community Outreach (Vince/Sarah)**
 - a. Mock Trial – volunteers needed**
 - i. Paul Kaufman, co-chair of Philadelphia Mock Trial, emphasized the need for about 100 judges total for the John S. Bradway Mock Trial for Philadelphia high schools. Coaches are also needed.
 - b. Expungement Clinic – volunteers needed (John/ Meghan)**
 - i. The hiccups with the DA and the Courts have been addressed.
 - ii. Contested hearings to be held 3/20/17 – 3/23/17.
 - iii. Free CLE training sessions are being offered to lawyers volunteers to work the contested hearings.
 - c. Youth Courts – volunteers needed (Jason/ Andre)**
 - i. Volunteers needed at School of the Future to help start and run a youth court (student-run disciplinary system). Every Tuesday and Thursday. Sign up via GoogleDoc.
- IV. Professional Outreach (Dana/Michaella)**
 - a. Fundraiser – EC Participation Needed**
 - i. North Bowl on 4/27. Sponsorships needed.
 - b. February Happy Hour**
 - i. Misconduct Tavern (Logan Square) on 2/22. Please like the Facebook page.
 - c. Running Club**
 - i. Sign up if you are interested in starting this new YLD club.
- V. Legal Education (Anna/Matt)**
 - a. Report on Legal Line (Stephanie)**
 - i. Legal Line on 1/18 went smoothly. It was an unusually quiet night.
 - b. Revival of 20/20 Program**
 - i. Lunchtime programming on issues affecting the City.
 - ii. Nonpartisan executive orders CLE in the works.
 - c. Law School Outreach**
 - i. Bar Association previously handled this, but YLD is now going to do it. Expect happy hours at law schools soon. EC participation needed.
- VI. Other Business**

a. E-Zine Committee (Tom)

- i. The E-Zine will be revamped/reformatted and getting a new name. Contact Tom Rogers if you would like to be on the committee.

b. Discussion of EC meeting times

- i. Email Matt if you have a preference re: having some meetings in the morning.

c. Discussion of ABA Resolution re: Law School Bar Passage Rates

- i. An article was circulated about the proposed resolution to have above a 75% passage rate for a law school to be ABA accredited.

VII. Liaison Announcements

- a. Family Law Section monthly meeting with HIAS on 2/6/17 at noon at 1501 Arch Street, 15th Floor

VIII. Good and Welfare

IX. Adjournment