

# LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 14, 2008

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### **MINUTES OF 2007 MEETING:**

The president, Mr. Pietrovito, called the meeting to order. Mr. Weber moved that minutes of the 2007 annual meeting of the Lycoming Law Association be accepted, which motion was seconded by Mr. McDermott, and approved unanimously.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Ms. McCoy presented financial reports for the year 2007. Mr. Wiley moved for acceptance of those reports, and was seconded by Mr. Weber. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Knecht presented the audit of the Lycoming Law Association performed by Larson Kellett, accountants. It was a clean audit. Mr. McDermott moved that the audit be accepted. Mr. Carlucci seconded that motion, which was unanimously approved.

### **PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

President Pietrovito presented a report of the year's activities, which was made a part of the record. Ms. Engel, Executive Director, presented a written report to the Association, which was made a part of the record.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

President Pietrovito presented a report of the nominating committee. The resignations of Mr. Gahr, Mr. Zurich, and Mr. Brace were noted, and Mr. Pietrovito expressed the thanks of the Association for their services. He also thanked Mr. Harris, whose term as past president expires.

Nominated for one-year terms of office were the following:

Officers

President	Tammy L. Taylor
President-Elect	Joy Reynolds McCoy
Secretary	Jonathan E. Butterfield
Treasurer	Michael H. Collins

Members

J. Howard Langdon, Brian J. Bluth, J. Michael Wiley, Julianne Steinbacher, John Petrovito (past president)

Mr. Carlucci moved that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the nominations. Mr. Weber seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. At this point, Mr. Petrovito turned the meeting over to the new president, Ms. Taylor. Ms. Taylor then presented Mr. Petrovito with a clock, in appreciation for his service as president.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Written reports were presented from the Bench/Bar Committee, the Customs and Rules Committee, the Bar History Committee, the Education Committee, the Elder Law Committee, the Law Library Committee, the Real Estate Committee, the Social Committee, the Young Lawyers Division, the Community Activities and Outreach Committee, the Legal Services for the Indigent Committee, the Law Day Committee, the Mock Trial Committee, the By-Laws Committee, the Women in the Profession Committee, and the Fee Dispute Committee, along with an annual report of the Lyco Law website, and a report on pro bono activities and plans provided by North Penn Legal Services. Mr. Petrovito moved acceptance of these reports, and was seconded by Mr. Knecht. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President Taylor reported that the \$5,000 dedicated by the Law Association in connection with the murder of Attorney Keefe of Bradford County had been split, with \$2,500 being paid to a charity designated by the Keefe family, Unico, and \$2,500 being held for possible payment of a reward, to be paid in the event of the identification of the perpetrator.

Ms. Taylor reported on four complaints which had been filed against attorneys from out of county violating disciplinary rules in connection with their yellow page advertising within Lycoming County. Two of these complaints have been resolved by the attorneys agreeing to alter their ads to comply with the disciplinary rules. Two are still pending.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Taylor reported that proposed amendments to the Law Association's By-Laws were posted on the Law Association's website. The rule changes would provide for e-mail as an alternative method of notice of meetings. The rules now define the duties of the Executive Director. The rule changes establish four permanent committees: Nominating, Finance, Bench/Bar, and Customs and Rules. The president will publish a list of all other committees each year, and the chairpersons will file annual reports. Mr. Weber made a motion that the By-Law amendments be adopted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Knecht and passed unanimously.

Mr. Humphrey reported that a video of the life of Judge Muir has been proposed to the Executive Committee at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Executive Committee did not feel that it could decide on this expenditure without a vote of the membership. Mr. Carlucci made a motion that the Executive Committee report back to the Association on a proposal concerning expenditures for such a project, with the membership then to vote on the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bluth and passed unanimously.

Mr. Carlucci reported that one of the Law Association's members, Mr. Yaw, was running for state senate, and solicited support for his candidacy. He suggested that if the Law Association was considering video equipment for the conference room at its new facility, it apply to the PBA Trust for a grant for funding. He encouraged members to donate to the PBA PAC, noting that the Law Association could not legally donate money directly to the PAC. He reported that the state house was considering legislation which would impose a tax on legal and other professional services, but would exempt corporations from the tax. He suggested members notify Representatives Cappelli and Everett concerning their views on the proposed legislature.

**2008 BUDGET:**

Treasurer Collins presented the budget for 2008. Mr. Carlucci moved its acceptance. Mr. Weber seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY:**

Judge Anderson reported that the county was seeking a new conflicts attorney.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Carlucci moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weber and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan E. Butterfield  
Secretary  
Lycoming Law Association