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## **Executive Director's Report to the General Membership January 2013**

2012 was another successful year for the Lycoming Law Association, and marked the completion of my eighth year as Executive Director of the LLA. I am pleased to report that the LLA continues to be financially viable and stable.

At the Annual Meeting in January, we honored our own Bill Nichols by presenting the inaugural William E. Nichols Community Service Award. This award was created to recognize outstanding and sustained commitment to community service and for fostering the positive role of attorneys in our community beyond the practice of law. As part of the honor, LLA committed to making a donation of \$1,000 to a charity of the award winner's choice; and in this case, Mr. Nichols chose the James V. Brown Law Library – a fitting beneficiary.

A week later, we held our fourth annual Board Retreat for the incoming Executive Committee, returning to Penn College's Professional Development Center for a workday retreat. The Retreat was a success and built upon the work done at the previous year's building retreat.

We held all normal events as usual this year, with the addition of a second New Attorney Admission Ceremony – one at the beginning of the year and one at the end. Law Day was, as always, a great success, and saw the addition of Mock Trial awards – something we expect to do in future. The Annual Picnic was moved to the Hiawatha and opened to spouses, and the turnout was higher than we have seen in several years. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves, and as a result, the Hiawatha has already been booked for 2013. YLD helped sponsor the annual Crosscutters ball game where all who attended had a good time.

We have completed our seventh successful year of "Eat & Earns." Attendance remains steady, and feedback and evaluations continue to fall in the "excellent" range. We continue to hold regular PBI Video and Groupcast seminars on site at the LLA Office, as well as offer room rentals to out-of-town attorneys. We saw rental income of just over \$7,000 for the LLA conference space. CLEs either held by LLA or managed by LLA netted approximately \$4,900.00.

The LLA was charitable again this year, donating \$5,000 to the Foundation, and \$2000 to the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Our committees continued to function successfully this year.

I'd like to thank President Mike Wiley and the Executive Board for their support over the past twelve months.

I look forward to working with Julie Steinbacher in her Presidential year, and am excited to see what we will accomplish in 2013.

Sincerely,

Jessica A. Engel  
Executive Director