

Lycoming Law Association

2018 President's Report

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In 2018, the Lycoming Law Association continued to evolve and expand to meet the needs of its members on many fronts.

LLA website

The biggest change this year was our website. The new version went live on June 25, 2018. It was completely recreated to make it mobile-friendly, to more easily manage the large volume of information that is available there, and to include online registration and payment for CLEs. We are still in the process of restoring all of the content that Gary Weber has developed and maintained all these years. As part of this process, the LLA logo was redesigned and updated as well.

CLEs

We have continued to expand and improve our CLE offerings. In addition to the monthly or bimonthly Eat and Earn opportunities over the lunch hour, we offered video-replays of popular CLE presentations for up to four hours of CLE credit at a time. As our library of videos grows, we will be able to offer more of these sessions. As you know, the PBI also rents our space to offer satellite CLEs. This year, the PBA absorbed the PBI, and they have changed the payment to local associations for these satellite CLEs, basing it on the number of attendees, rather than a set room rate.

Lycoming Reporter

Our publisher increased its rates, and reporter rates were adjusted accordingly. We advocated, successfully, against the passage of state HB 1903, which we believe would have threatened the future of our legal journal and income. We have supported the efforts of PBA's Political Action Committee, both financially and through our PBA delegates, to protect county legal journals.

LLA Committees

The Civil Bar Committee was created as a new substantive law committee. This year, we started the process of creating and adopting committee descriptions for those committees that do not have them, to better define the purpose and activities of each committee. We are also

considering restructuring some of our committees and plan to continue working on this on 2019.

Events

The Law Association hosted a number of successful events this year. In January, the annual dinner was held at Morrone's. In April, we hosted a "Wills for Heroes" event with the support of the PBA and also participated in Career Day at Penn State Law. In May, we celebrated Law Day with student awards and the unveiling of Judge Linhardt's portrait. In August, we hosted the annual picnic at Herman and Luther's. The social committee held a picnic at Knoebel's Grove in September and a trivia event at the LLA office in November. In October, the Young Lawyer's Division hosted a happy hour at the Brickyard, and they also organized a toy drive for the holidays. In December, we arranged the annual attorney admission ceremony and hosted a reception afterward.

Member recognition

This year, memorials were held for several deceased members, including Ralph (Pat) Thorne, Ronald Travis, and Charles Caffrey. We also recognized retiring Common Pleas judges Dudley Anderson and Richard Gray for their many years of service. Scott A. Williams and George Cohen received awards for their membership and participation in the LLA for more than 50 years. We also recognized Pete Campana for his pro bono service and Joseph Rider for his many years of community service during the annual dinner in 2018.

PBA

Charles (Skip) Greevy, Jr. agreed to serve another three year term as a PBA delegate. Our other two delegates are Julie Steinbacher and John Pietrovito. The term of our zone governor, Rita Alexyn, is going to expire in 2019, and we will soon be nominating a new zone governor. As mentioned above, the PBA has absorbed the PBI, due to financial difficulties.

150th Anniversary

The Bar History Committee has worked diligently to create a book to memorialize the Association's 150th Anniversary. Special thanks go to Tammy Taylor for being the editor of this volume. A photograph of Association members and another of the past presidents of the Association was arranged and will be included, along with many historical pictures and information about all areas of the law in Lycoming County over the last 150 years.

The 150th Anniversary Committee has organized several special events in 2019, including a presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by the Community Theatre League and a session of the Superior Court here in Lycoming County.

We are very fortunate to have Michele Frey as our Executive Director. She is a tireless advocate for this Association and for its individual members. We are all grateful to Gary Weber as well, who dedicates so much of his time and energy as our webmaster, editor of the Reporter and as consultant on all matters related to the history of the LLA and technology. We also have extraordinary committee chairs, who continue to expand and improve opportunities for our members socially, educationally, and in the community. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Law Association. This experience has renewed my appreciation and respect for the practice of law, and I am proud to continue to be a member of this group.

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President