

**LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2022**

Declare Quorum

- At 4:03 PM, Don Martino, President, declared a quorum and began the meeting

Approval of Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting – Don Martino, President

- After review of the January 11, 2021 annual meeting minutes, Rob Hoffa made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Angela Lovecchio. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Reports/Review – Elizabeth White, Treasurer

- After review of the financial reports, Marc Lovecchio made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Judge Arbuckle. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Don Martino, President

- Don Martino submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2021
- The pandemic again had an impact on LLA events, though we were able to have the summer picnic and resumed some in-person meetings.

Report of Nominating Committee – Don Martino, President, Ex-Officio Chairman

- The Nominating Committee moved the following as Executive Committee officers and new members:
 - Corey Mowery, President
 - Elizabeth White, Vice President
 - Ryan Gardner, Treasurer
 - Joy McCoy, Secretary
 - Don Martino, Past President
 - Jeana Longo, At Large Member
 - Jennifer Linn, Marc Drier and Greta Davis, New Members
- No one else was nominated for any of the officer positions
- Bill Carlucci made a motion to close the nominations that was seconded by Judge Arbuckle
- The nominations were closed
- Bill Carlucci made a motion to cast a single unanimous ballot of the slate of nominations as indicated above that was seconded by Judge Arbuckle. The motion passed unanimously.

Exchange of President's Clock

- Don Martino (outgoing President) virtually passed the President's clock to Corey Mowrey (incoming President)

New President Presides – Corey Mowrey, President

- Recognition of outgoing President, Don Martino
- A moment of silence for those members who passed in 2021
 - Charles Szybist
 - James Cendoma
 - Henry "Hank" Mitchell
- Update on LLA Banquet and Awards - There is no annual dinner this evening due to COVID. An outdoor event is being planned for the summer as the annual dinner and awards. A tentative date of June 2, 2022 is being looked at.

Executive Director's Report – Michele Frey, ED

- Michele Frey submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2021
- It was another challenging year with COVID, but we did have a few events including Judge Tira's portrait unveiling and the release of the 150th anniversary book, as well as several wellness events
- The annual picnic was well attended
- The Young Lawyers Committee continued community service efforts with the holiday toy drive and project Linus
- Michele encouraged committee meetings and committee involvement for 2022

Committee Reports

- Written and/or oral reports were submitted for the following committees:
 - Court Relations
 - Bench Bar – Ed Mitchell
 - Michele Frey gave the report
 - They continued to meet via telephone without interruption
 - Custom and Rules – Gary Weber
 - Member Services Committees
 - Bar History – Skip Greevy
 - Skip thanked everyone who participated in the memorial services during 2021. There were a total of 7.
 - He recognized the committee, Gary Weber, Tammy Taylor, Michele Frey and Bill Carlucci for their hard work with the bar history book
 - Technology – Gary Weber
 - Education – John Pietrovito
 - Social – Jessica Harlow

- Michele gave the report. We are in need of a replacement for Jessica as the chair of this committee.
 - Young Lawyers – Taylor Beucler
 - Michele Frey gave the report
 - Held the Angel Tree Toy Drive and project Linus.
 - Unauthorized Practice of Law – Scott A. Williams
 - Michele Frey gave the report – No claims made in 2021
- Committees for Community Involvement
 - Community Outreach and Activities Committee – Tammy Weber
 - Law Day – Judge Frey
 - Michele Frey gave the report
 - Law Day was cancelled due to the pandemic for the second year in a row. It is hoped that it will resume in 2022
 - Legal Services for the Indigent – John Pietrovito
 - Pro Bono Report – Jennifer Heverly
 - NPLS referred 226 cases
 - Mortgage foreclosures were down due to the pandemic
 - Landlord-Tenant Mediation program began in 2020
 - Members are taking advantage of the CLE opportunity for providing pro bono services
 - Fee Dispute – Michael Collins
 - Michele Frey gave the report
 - Mock Trial – Nicole Ippolito
 - Michele Frey gave the report
 - The competition will be via Zoom this year again. Volunteers are encouraged as jurors for the event.
 - Public Relations – Michele Frey
 - There were 50 Facebook posts
 - 8 articles published in the Sun Gazette
- Substantive Law Committees
 - Criminal Law – Robert Hoffa
 - Concerns with the ongoing back up and delay in the criminal cases
 - Family Law – Chris Dinges
 - Judge McCoy gave the report
 - Meetings were by zoom and in person. Attendance has been low
 - Estate, Probate and Elder Law – Liz White
 - Real Estate – Marc Drier
 - Civil Law – Brian Bluth
 - Corey Mowrey gave the report

Motion to Accept Committee Reports

- Bill Carlucci made a motion to accept the above-referenced reports that was seconded by Skip Greevy. The motion passed unanimously.
- President Corey Mowrey encouraged all LLA members to join at least one committee. He encouraged the committees to hold at least 2 meetings per year with an agenda and maintain minutes.
- President Cory Mowrey encouraged LLA members to serve as arbitrators and donate the fee and also encouraged members to participate in PFA pro bono work

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Proposed 2022 Budget was presented by Elizabeth White, Treasurer
- Robert Hoffa made a motion to approve the budget that was seconded by Susan Roinick. The motion passed unanimously.

Judges' Comments

- Judge Arbuckle indicated that the Federal Courts are open and he hoped to see everyone in Federal Court.
- Judge Butts indicated that the County Courts are open and that they are currently holding jury selections
- Judge McCoy indicated that this was her last LLA meeting as a Common Pleas Judge. She indicated that she will be appearing in court doing pro bono PFA work.
- Judge Frey welcomed the new bar leaders and stated he was looking forward to a more normal LLA year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

- Judge Arbuckle made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Judge Frey. The motion passed unanimously.

Joy Reynolds McCoy, Secretary