# LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2023

#### **Declare Quorum**

 At 4:09 PM, Corey Mowrey, President, declared a quorum and began the meeting

## Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting – Corey Mowrey, President

 After review of the January 10, 2022 annual meeting minutes, Skip Greevy made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Angela Lovecchio. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Financial Reports/Review – Ryan Gardner, Treasurer

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

## President's Report - Corey Mowrey, President

- Corey Mowrey submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2022
- Corey thanked the LLA leadership team, committee chairs, and Michele Frey
- Michele was recognized by PBA for her work in guiding the LLA and its members through the challenges of the pandemic

#### Report of Nominating Committee - Corey Mowrey, President

- The Nominating Committee moved the following as Executive Committee officers and new members:
  - Elizabeth White, President
  - Joy Reynolds McCoy, President Elect
  - o Ryan Gardner, Treasurer
  - Jeana Longo, Secretary
  - o Don Martino, Past President
  - o Marc Drier, Jennifer Linn, Jonathan DeWald, At Large Members
  - o Christopher Kenyon, New Member
- No one else was nominated for any of the officer positions
- Gary Weber made a motion to approve the report of the Nominating Committee.
  Judge Carlucci seconded. The motion unanimously carried.
- The nominations were closed

 Judge Carlucci made a motion to cast a single unanimous ballot of the slate of nominations as indicated above that was seconded by Gary Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Exchange of President's Clock**

• Corey Mowrey (outgoing President) passed the President's clock to Elizabeth White (incoming President)

#### **New President Presides – Elizabeth White, President**

 Update on LLA Banquet and Awards – Happy Hour from 6-7 and annual dinner following

# **Executive Director's Report - Michele Frey, ED**

- Michele Frey submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2022
- The LLA has "cautiously emerged" from the Covid shut-down and the in-person activities were well attended
- The LLA subsidizes a large portion of the members' activities
  - June annual banquet subsidized approximately \$85/per person (does not reflect the \$1,000 sponsorship)
- Strictly social events:
  - Yoga in the Park, Carpenter's Farm, Knoebels, Crosscutters
- 17 live CLE opportunities in 2022
- 7 new attorneys joined the LLA in 2022
- · Thanked the committee chairs for their service

#### **Committee Reports**

- Written and/or oral reports were submitted for the following committees:
  - Court Relations
    - Bench Bar Ed Mitchell
    - Custom and Rules Gary Weber
      - Met 4 times and have completely revised the Domestic Relations Rules
      - Submitted to Court; currently being reviewed by the Supreme Court Domestic Relations committee
  - Member Services Committees
    - Bar History Skip Greevy
      - Composite was updated as well as a membership directory distributed in PDF form
      - Only 1 former member death (John Piazza)
      - No formal meetings this year due to lack of necessity
    - Technology Gary Weber

- 180 opinions posted as well as articles and announcements
- Discussing including a password protected members only section
- Education John Pietrovito
  - Did not meet in 2022
- Social Dance Drier
  - No report; Knoebels was a success
- Young Lawyers Taylor Beucler
  - Carpenter's Pumpkin Patch event was started during Covid to give back to local businesses
  - Blanket and toy drives are a huge success each year
- Committees for Community Involvement
  - Community Outreach and Activities Committee Tammy Weber
    - Michele Frey gave the report
      - 2 grant requests and awards were summarized
      - This group meets 4x per year but only when they have grant requests
  - Law Day Judge Frey
    - Resumed in-person after two years
    - Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration
    - Encourages all members to join the committee
  - Legal Services for the Indigent John Pietrovito
    - NPLS has been bombarded by PFA cases and all attorneys are encouraged to accept pro bono PFA cases
  - Pro Bono Report Jennifer Heverly
    - NPLS referred 152 cases
      - This number is a decline from last year
      - Courts have been very supportive in encouraging pro bono work by attorneys
  - Fee Dispute Michael Collins
    - There were no fee disputes in 2022
  - Public Relations Michele Frey
    - There were 52 Facebook posts
    - Several articles and photos published in the Sun Gazette
- Substantive Law Committees
  - Criminal Law Robert Hoffa
    - Still have a huge backlog, despite DA, PD, and private defense attorneys working diligently to come up with strategies to move cases along
  - Family Law Chris Dinges
    - Judge Carlucci gave the report
      - The Courts are moving through the custody trial backlog
  - Estate, Probate and Elder Law Liz White

- 1 meeting this year attended by Judge Linhardt and Dave Huffman
  - Great discussion on Guardianship issues, filing questions, etc.; however, attendance is sub-par
  - Exploring combining committees for 2023
- Real Estate Marc Drier
  - 1 meeting this year, attended by Dave Huffman
- Civil Law Brian Bluth
  - Judge Carlucci gave a report

## **Motion to Accept Committee Reports**

 Taylor Beucler made a motion to accept the above-referenced reports that was seconded by Jennifer Heverly. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

• Judge Carlucci reiterated the Court's gratitude for all those attorneys who have been taking pro bono cases.

#### **New Business**

- Proposed 2023 Budget was presented by Ryan Gardner, Treasurer
- Rob Hoffa made a motion to approve the budget that was seconded by Taylor Beucler. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Judges' Comments**

- Judge Arbuckle
  - Always glad to see members in federal court; feel free to consent to a magistrate hearing the case
  - Appreciate the lawyers with 10+ years experience in a specific area of law who volunteer to serve as mediators
- Judge Carlucci
  - He has requested and the bench has agreed to allow him to do miscellaneous civil days where arguments will be scheduled every 15 or 30 minutes
    - Briefs are not required but are permitted

#### The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

 Brian Bluth made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Aaron Biichle. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer E. Linn, At Large Member

# LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2022

#### Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

• At 5:02 PM, Robin Reed, President declared a quorum and began the meeting

## **Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting**

 Anglea Lovecchio made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect that they were taken by Joy McCoy rather than Nicole Ippolito. Christian Frey seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of 2022 Annual Report - Robin Reed, LLA Foundation President

 After review of the annual report, Angela Lovecchio made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Elizabeth White. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of 2022 Financial Report – Fred A. Holland, LLA Foundation Treasurer

 After review of the financial report, Elizabeth White made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Gary Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Nominating Report – Corey Mowrey, LLA Nominating Committee Ex-Officio Chair

- The Nominating Committee moved the following as Foundation Committee officers and new member:
  - o Robin Reed, President
  - Fred Holland, Treasurer
  - Nicole Ippolito, Secretary
  - o Elizabeth White, LLA President
  - Joy Reynolds McCoy, President Elect
  - Paul Roman, Julieanne Steinbacher, and Sean Gingerich, William I.
    Arbuckle, III At Large Members
- No one else was nominated for any of the officer positions
- The nominations were closed
- Gary Weber made a motion to approve the slate of nominations as indicated above that was seconded by Judge Carlucci. The motion passed unanimously.
- Judge Carlucci made a motion to cast a single unanimous ballot of the slate of nominations as indicated above that was seconded by Gary Weber. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

None

# **New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned by President Robin Reed at 5:10 PM

Jennifer E. Linn