

**LYCOMING LAW ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2025**

**Declare Quorum**

- At 4:00 PM, Liz White, Past President, declared a quorum and began the meeting

**Approval of Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting – Liz White, Past President**

- After review of the January 8, 2024 annual meeting minutes, Judge Carlucci made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Rob Hoffa. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Reports/Review – Marc Drier, Treasurer**

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

**President's Report – Liz White, Past President**

- Joy Reynolds McCoy submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2024 which included a new award for a woman lawyer and the new LLA event at Little League

**Report of Nominating Committee – Liz White, Past President**

- The Nominating Committee moved the following as Executive Committee officers and new members:
  - Ryan Gardner, President
  - Jeana Longo, President Elect
  - Marc Drier, Treasurer
  - Jen Linn, Secretary
  - Joy Reynolds McCoy, Past President
  - Jonathan DeWald, Chris Kenyon, Mel Protasio, At Large Members
- No one else was nominated for any of the officer positions
- Judge Arbuckle made a motion to approve the report of the Nominating Committee. Blake Marks 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 Blake Marks. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Liz White (Past President) passed the President's clock to Judge Gardner (incoming President)

## **New President Presides – Judge Ryan Gardner, President**

- A moment of silence for the five members that we lost this year- L. Craig Harris, Robert Campbell Wise, Henry George Hager, III, and Robert W. Farrell, III.
- Update on LLA Banquet and Awards – The annual dinner following the annual meeting at Herman and Luther's

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

- Michele Frey submitted a written report that summarized the LLA activities for the year 2024
- The LLA offerings for professional development and social events was emphasized as successful this year

## **Committee Reports**

- Written and/or oral reports were submitted for the following committees:
  - Court Relations
    - Custom and Rules – Gary Weber
      - The only change this year was a rule regarding the custody of exhibits
  - Member Services Committees
    - Bar History – Tammy Taylor
      - A grant in the amount of \$6500 was approved for the proposed exhibit in the Taber museum for April
      - Cliff Reiders will be out of the country until March
    - Technology – Gary Weber
      - 169 opinions were published as well as the transcripts from the special sessions for deceased members
    - Education – John Pietrovito
      - 1 meeting in 2024
      - Encouraged members from each area of law to join
    - Social – Dance Drier
      - Discussed the free pumpkin event and gift cards for the event at Knoebels
      - Giovanna Daniele is a new member and there have been discussions for new events in 2025 such as trivia nights and an event in the fall

- Young Lawyers – Blake Marks
  - Last year was a successful community outreach year with respect to Project Linus and Toys for Tots
- Committees for Community Involvement
  - Community Outreach and Activities Committee – Tammy Weber
    - Michele Frey spoke on behalf of Tammy Weber and discussed how the committee vets grants in advance of their submission to the LLAF and the committee makes a recommendation to the LLAF
    - Christian Frey spoke to the members and made a request for members to attend and judge the event
  - Legal Services for the Indigent – John Pietrovito
    - No meeting in 2024; the Thomas Wood Award was handled by the committee by email
  - Pro Bono Report, Jennifer Heverly
    - 35 attorneys handled 127 pro bono cases – more than the other 20 counties
  - Fee Dispute, Christopher Kenyon
    - 1 claim this year that was successfully mediated
  - Lycoming County Mock Trial, Michele Frey (for Taylor Paulhamus)
    - Lycoming County now has 4 teams: Montoursville, Loyalsock, Hughesville, and Jersey Shore
- Public Relations – Michele Frey
  - Facebook continues to be the primary outreach to the public
  - Several articles and photos published in the Sun Gazette
- Substantive Law Committees
  - Criminal Law, Rob Hoffa
    - This was a challenging year with new judges, issues with the jury selection process, and employee shortages in the District Attorney and Public Defender's Office but looking forward to 2025
  - Family Law, Judge Gardner
    - The family law meetings are productive and there are monthly agendas that are followed
    - Mel Protasio's report and brown bag meetings are online
  - Real Estate and Probate- Marc Drier
    - These two were combined as joint committees, co-chaired with Liz White
    - They advocated for lower cost fees

## **Motion to Accept Committee Reports**

- Judge Arbuckle made a motion to accept the above-referenced reports that was seconded by Chris Kenyon. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**
  - Nothing to report

### **New Business**

- A section for paralegals will be discussed in 2025
- Attendance at Memorial Services needs improvement
- Pro Bono work is encouraged and current participation needs improvement as many victims of PFAs are without counsel
- Judge Arbuckle will retire on June 6, 2025

Judge Arbuckle made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Blake Marks.

**Liz White adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM**

Jeana A. Longo, Secretary