

**The New York Bar Foundation
Annual Meeting
MINUTES**

**January 18, 2019
New York Hilton Midtown, New York City**

PRESENT: Aaron; Alcott; Barclay; Baum; Belowich; Ben-Asher; Bennett; Berman; Billings; Block; Bonina; Briwn Spitzmueller; Brown, E.; Brown, T.A.; Buholtz; Burke; Castellano; Chambers; Christensen; Cilenti; Coffey; Cohen, D.; Cohen, O.; Connery; Dean; Di Pietro; Doerr; Doxey; Effman; Eng; England; Entin Maroney; Fernandez; Ferrara; Finerty; Fishberg; Flood; Foley; Freenman, H.; Friedman; Frumkin; Genoa; Gerstman; Gold; Goldschmidt; Grays; Greenberg; Grimaldi; Grogan; Gutekunst; Gutenberger Grossman; Gutierrez; Hage; Haig; Heath; Heller; Hines; Hurteau; Hyer; Jaglom; James; Kamins; Karson; Kean; Kelly; Kobak; Lau-Kee; Lawrence; Leber; Levin Wallach; Levin; Levy; Lewis; Lindenauer; MacLean; Madden; Madigan; Maldonado; Mancuso; Mandell; Margolin; Marinaccio; Markowitz; Maroney; Matos; May; McCann; McGinn; McNamara, C.; McNamara, M.; Meisenheimer; Meyer; Miller, C.; Miller, M.; Millett; Millon; Minkoff; Miranda; Mohun; Moore; Moretti; Moskowitz; Murphy; Napoletano; Nowotarski; Nussbaum; O'Connell; O'Donnell; Onderdonk; Owens; Palermo, C.; Perlman; Pessala; Pitegoff; Pleat; Poster-Zimmerman; Radick; Richman; Richter; Rodriguez; Rosner; Russell; Ryan; Ryba; Safer; Santiago; Scheinkman; Schofield; Schrauer; Schreiber; Schub; Scott; Sen; Shafer; Shamoon; Shishov; Shoemaker; Sigmond; Silkenat; Singer; Skidelsky; Slavit; Spirer; Stanclift; Standard; Steiglitz; Strenger; Sweet; Taylor; Teff; Tennant; Tully; Udell; van der Meulen; Vecchio; Vigdor; Weathers; Weiss; Westlake; Weston; Whiting; Whittingham; Young; Younger.

President Lesley F. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Approval of minutes: On a motion duly made and carried, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the New York Bar Foundation on January 26, 2018 were approved.

Report of officers: Lesley F. Rosenthal, President presented the 2018 Annual Report of the New York Bar Foundation, copies of which were distributed. The Annual Report sets forth in detail the operations and activities of the Foundation during 2018. Ms. Rosenthal shared highlights including:

1. The Foundation awarded a record number of grants in 2018 to 105 legal services providers across New York State. 62% of these grants were for facilitating the delivery of legal services. More than \$700,000 was distributed via the grant program and 3 special campaigns including those needing legal assistance after hurricane Florence, the annual NY Lawyers Love Veterans campaign, and a special campaign that provided emergency support to families separated at the border.
2. Through partnerships with NYSBA sections and administering the Catalyst Public Service Fellowship program, the Foundation presented more than \$215,000 in fellowships and scholarships including the Honorable Judith S. Kaye Children and the Law Committee Scholarships. These scholarships are presented to students who have aged out of foster care and are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or post-high school certificate program.

3. The Foundation now has partnerships with three NYSBA Sections that have established funds through the Foundation designated for the grant program. The Business Law, Family Law, and General Practice sections give gifts to assist programs that align with their missions.

Ms. Rosenthal closed her report by reminding attendees that the Foundation is holding its annual meeting week appeal.

Ratification and confirmation of actions of the Board: A motion was adopted ratifying, confirming and approving the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Report of the Bylaws and Governance Committee: Justice Chambers, Co-chair of the Bylaws and Governance committee, presented for ratification amendments made by the Board to the Bylaws. The proposed amendments:

- Increases the size of the Nominating Committee from 3 to 5; [Section 2.02]
- Changes the size of the Board from 25 to a variable range of 15 to 35; [Section 2.01.a]
- Designates a Director position for a Young Lawyer; [Section 2.01.b]
- Grants voting rights to Chair and Vice Chair of the Fellows of the NY Bar Foundation; [Section 2.01.c]
- Clarifies that ex officio members of the Board have voting rights (including the Immediate Past President of the Foundation and the Executive Director of NYSBA) and [Section 2.01.d]
- Clarifies that Board members may serve no more than three, three-year consecutive terms excluding officer service. [Section 2.03 and Section 3.01]

On a motion duly made and carried, the amended bylaws were approved.

Report of Nominating Committee: Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, committee chair David M. Schrauer placed in nomination the following slate of nominees presented by the Committee for the position of Director for terms commencing June 1, 2019 for term ending May 31, 2022:

- John P. Christopher of Glen Head
- C. Bruce Lawrence of Rochester
- David C. Singer of New York City

A motion was adopted electing said Directors.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela McDevitt
Secretary