

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS & SPORTS LAW
SECTION**

Executive Committee Virtual Meeting – (Wednesday) January 12, 2022, 12:30 -2:00 PM

Minutes of EASL EC Meeting

Attending by Virtual Conference/Telephone: Anne Atkinson, Andrew H. Seiden, Arlen Appelbaum, Barry Skidelsky, Barry Werbin, Bob Seigel, Brian Caplan, Carol J. Steinberg, Cheryl Davis, Dana Alamia, Diane Krausz, Donna Frosco, Elissa D. Hecker, Ethan Bordman, Louise Carron, Isaro Carter, Jason Baruch, Jeff Aber, Kristin Paradisis, Jill Pilgrim, Joan Faier, Judah Shapiro, Judith Bass, Judith Prowda, Kathy Kim, Les Greenbaum, Olivera Medenica, Paul Cossu, Paul LiCalsi, Rosemarie Tully, Sarah Robertson, Steve Rodner, Steven H. Richman

- 1) Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes – *Isaro Carter, Sec.;* *Barry Werbin, Chair;* *Carol Steinberg, Ass't Secretary.*

Barry Werbin (EASL Chair) called the Zoom virtual meeting to order at 12:38 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Last-minute revisions were addressed, and the November minutes were deemed approved with the corrections addressed.

- 2) Welcome to New Law Student Committee Co-Chair Kristin Paradisis

Barry introduced Kristin to the EC, and Kristin told us a little bit about herself and her background. The EC concurred; we're thrilled to have her join us.

- 3) Nominating Committee: Proposed New Officers and District Representatives Slate (Barry Skidelsky reporting)

Barry Skidelsky reiterated that per our last meeting, the seven officers nominated are still the nominees. Barry also mentioned that we have Steve Richman for the House of Delegates nominee. Barry Werbin, the current Chair, volunteered to again serve as Alternate Delegate once he is no longer is Chair as of February 1, 2022.

Barry Skidelsky made a motion to endorse Steve and Barry (Werbin) as the nominees for the House of Delegates as Delegate and Alternate Delegate, respectively. The EC unanimously endorsed the nominations.

The Chair listed the nominees for the District Representatives of districts that have either not had representation in the past or lost representatives (1st District-Manhattan / Nyasha Foy; 7th District-Rochester / Phillip Hurwitz; 5th District-Syracuse / Imraan Farukhi; 9th District-Westchester, Rockland, & other Lower Hudson Valley counties / David Friedlander). The Chair reported that Rosemarie Tully is working on finding a representative for Nassau/Suffolk County because Long Island needs representation.

Barry Skidelsky asked about the remaining eight districts that need representation. The Chair reported that there are incumbent representatives that are staying on and have been re-nominated by the Nominating Committee. Steve Richman proposed a vote for the EC to endorse the slate of new District Rep nominees and renominate the incumbents. Barry Skidelsky agreed and made a motion on that, Jill Pilgrim seconded the motion, and the EC unanimously endorsed the Nominating Committee Report. The Chair listed the incumbent District Reps as follows:

- 2nd (Brooklyn) - Innes Slomanksy
- 3rd (Albany) – Bennett M. Liebman
- 4th (Lake Placid) - Edward B. Flink
- 8th (Buffalo) - Leslie Mark Greenbaum
- 11th (Queens) - David H. Faux
- 13th (Staten Island) – Daniel C. Marotta

4) EASL Journal status & Upcoming Pro Bono Clinic (Elissa Hecker)

Elissa reported that she edited over a dozen articles, and the 2022 Annual Meeting Transcript will be included, so the Spring Issue will be a big one. It will be published in April. She is also accepting articles for the summer issue.

The Pro Bono Clinic will be on Thursday, March 17th, 2022, from 10-2 pm. It is in conjunction with the IP Section, and it will be capped at ten attorneys. It will be a virtual Dance NYC symposium. The email invitation will go out soon.

5) NYSBA - EASL Law Students Meet and Greet - February 1, 4:30 – 5:30 (virtual) roundtable. (Participants: Les Greenbaum, Paul Cossu, and Sarah M. Robertson)

The Chair reported on this upcoming event. Current EASL Liaison, Simone Smith, asked for clarification on how the Zoom session should be set up (webinar vs. meeting). Jill Pilgrim and the Chair confirmed that it should be set up as a meeting.

Les Greenbaum mentioned that he received an invitation to this event from Michaela Hann. Simone confirmed that Michaela is EASL's primary contact for law student outreach. The Chair asked whether the invitations for the event would go out to the panelists, and Simone confirmed that Michaela was the correct point of contact for that.

Elissa Hecker asked whether Kristin should be included in the correspondence for this event as she is the new Chair of the Law Student Committee. Kristin mentioned that she would be happy to help with any posts/publications for this event.

6) Financial Report (Kathy Kim, Treasurer)

Kathy Kim let us know that we don't have year-end figures, but we do have figures through November, so that is what she walked us through. The main takeaways were over

\$28K in income from dues, a negative balance for meetings, over \$20K in sponsorships from the MBLC and 2021 Annual Meeting, and \$185 in income from newsletters. These figures give us a total income just shy of \$50K (\$49,995). Our total expenses were \$26,752.42. These two figures leave us with a net income of \$23,242.58. This can change a bit when the numbers for December come in.

Regarding the 2022 budget, Kathy reported that we anticipate a total revenue of \$96,550. Sponsorships were included in this figure to serve as a goal for us to work towards. When it comes to expenses, the figures were put together with the anticipation that we may have the opportunity to go back to in-person meetings. The budget for 2022 expenses is also \$96,550.

7) Annual meeting 2022 reports:

a) Cowan Bresler Scholarship Competition - Ethan Bordman, Christine M. Lauture

Ethan reported there were 12 submissions that they were able to get down to a final 4—two of them are tied at the same score. The final papers are being sent out to the scholarship committee for grading. The winners will be determined over the weekend to have the awards ready for presentation to the recipients.

Carol Steinberg suggested inviting Ralph Lerner to attend the award ceremony.

b) NFTs in the Arts, Sports, Fashion, and Entertainment Industries – Louise Carron, Judith Prowda, Carol Steinberg

Louise reported that there will be five panelists on the cutting edge of this emerging topic and that everything is all set for that program.

c) Accessibility, Visibility, and Disability in Entertainment Media and the Performing Arts - Judith Bass and Elissa D. Hecker

Judith reported that all the esteemed panelists were secured. She gave an exciting rundown on who they are and their backgrounds. The goal of the panel is to increase sensitivity surrounding the reality of the experiences and circumstances regarding disabilities in entertainment, learning best practices, and what attendees can take back to clients and apply in their practice.

d) College Sports Chaos or Correction; From Alston to NIL to Conference Realignment to 50 Years of Title IX - Jill Pilgrim, Jeff Aber

Simone confirmed that SLA's logo was submitted to appear in the promotional materials for this program. Jill reported that they have a lot of time available and may be able to give some time back for the other meetings. She also mentioned that they might just put in a 10-minute break. There was a discrepancy in the CLE credits for this program; it was confirmed to be two credits.

Jill reported on the background, informing the importance of the panel, and highlighted each of the esteemed panelists.

Jill also suggested that a program or statement be held or put out on February 2nd, National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Having EASL acknowledge the day makes sense because of the involvement in sports. Looking forward to the future, she also suggested working with the student committee on recognizing this day.

Elissa volunteered that she was more than happy to participate in her capacity. Anne Atkinson suggested that an announcement be made at the annual meeting program about National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The Chair recommended that the EC watch *Lift Like a Girl* on Netflix, which is on the nose for this topic.

8) Committee/Program Reports/Updates (ad hoc)

a) *Annual Meeting Registration*

Judith Bass brought up the issue of not being able to register separately for the Annual Meeting programs. Jill Pilgrim mentioned how that issue needed to be cleared up because of the promises made to members of SLA. Simone promised to look into it and clear it up.

b) *Fine Arts Committee and Pro Bono Committee*

Carol Steinberg reported that this committee is working on a panel and will be reporting back with details in the future. Carol also mentioned that she and Dana discussed inviting artists to the panel for \$25.

c) *Basics of Music Industry Entertainment Litigation: A Practical Perspective* (December 9, 2021) – *Judah Shapiro, Brian Caplan, Paul LiCalsi*

Brian reported that the panel lasted for an hour and forty minutes, twenty-seven people attended, and it went very smoothly.

9) Other Initiatives and New Business

Jason Baruch suggested that the theatre program should be pushed to the fall due to the timing and the ongoing Covid situation.

Simone Smith reported that an official, dedicated liaison had been hired for EASL. Pat Stockli will update us in the coming weeks.

10) Chair's (Almost Final) Remarks *It's been a blast.... thank you!*

The Chair gave the EC a lovely “swan song” in his signature, elegant fashion. The consensus on the EC was that it was a pleasure to have him serve as Chair of the EASL Executive Committee.

11) Adjournment. The EC meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaro Carter, EASL Secretary