

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MAY 17, 2023**

Present: Gregory K. Arenson, Simeon H. Baum, T. Andrew Brown, David Louis Cohen, Orin J. Cohen, Elena DeFio Kean, Sarah E. Gold, Sherry Levin Wallach, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Michael A. Markowitz, Thomas J. Maroney, Michael R. May, Ronald C. Minkoff, Mark J. Moretti, Violet E. Samuels, Hon. Adam Seiden, Diana S. Sen, Lauren E. Sharkey, Kathleen M. Sweet, Kaylin L. Whittingham, Pauline Yeung-Ha

Guests: Bridgette Ahn, Jane Bello Burke, Susan L. Harper, Sheila E. Shea

Ms. Levin Wallach presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. Ms. Levin Wallach called the meeting to order.
2. Report and recommendations of Task Force on Mental Health and Trauma Informed Representation. Task Force co-chair Sheila E. Shea presented the Task Force’s report and recommendations contained therein. After discussion, and acceptance of a friendly amendment concerning addition of a footnote recommending further study on the efficacy of Rule 1.14, a motion was adopted to endorse the report for favorable action by the House of Delegates at the June 10, 2023, meeting. Mr. Arenson abstained from the vote.
3. Report and recommendations of the California Lawyers Association seeking co-sponsorship for ABA Resolution. Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the California Lawyers Association, reviewed a request that the New York State Bar Association co-sponsor a resolution submitted for consideration at the August 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association in Denver, Colorado. The proposed resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, and law schools to establish and fully fund a Rural Practice Loan Forgiveness (RPLF) program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That eligibility for participation in such a program resemble these recommended guidelines:

(A) “Rural Area” should be defined according to the needs of the relevant jurisdiction in order to adequately address existing barriers blocking access to justice, taking into account factors such as the distribution of the population within the jurisdiction and the location and concentration of legal services within the jurisdiction.

(B) The required service period for loan forgiveness be 7 years. Jurisdictions may recognize supervised services provided by law students while enrolled

in an ABA-Accredited school to count towards the seven-year service requirement.

(C) Any graduate of an ABA-Accredited law school may enter into a loan forgiveness program within seven (7) years of graduating from law school.

(D) Individuals participating in this program must represent members of their local rural area and not work in a rural office of a corporate entity or a law firm with more than 30 attorneys across all locations.

After discussion, a motion was adopted for the New York State Bar Association to co-sponsor the resolution, on the conditions that:

- (a) Any participant in the RPLF program (a “Participant”) must live and work in the “Rural Area” (as defined) for the duration of their participation; and
- (b) No Participant may satisfy the RPLF program’s duration/residency requirements by either remote practice or part-time practice in the Rural Area, though any Participant may engage in remote or part-time practice from time to time as necessary for travel, health, or other similar reasons.

4. Consent calendar:

- a. Approval of J.R. Carter Santana as presidential appointment to House of Delegates from Fourth Department
- b. Approval of mission statement of Task Force on Homelessness and the Law
- c. Approval of mission statement of Task Force on Medical Aid in Dying


The consent calendar, consisting of the above items, was approved by voice vote.

5. New Business. Mr. Lewis reported that representatives of the Task Force on Notarization had met with staff of the NYS Attorney General concerning the recently enacted notary record keeping regulations. Ms. Levin Wallach thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their service over the course of the 2022-2023 term.

6. Date and place of next meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9, 2023, in person at The Otesaga in Cooperstown, New York, with an option for remote participation via Zoom.

7. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Taa R. Grays". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Taa" being particularly prominent.

Taa R. Grays
Secretary