

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

**Executive Committee Hybrid Meeting (ANNUAL MEETING) –  
(Wednesday) Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:30 PM**

Minutes of EASL EC Meeting

**Attending In-Person:** Anne Atkinson, Avita Delerme, Barry Skidelsky, Barry Werbin, Cheryl Davis, Christine-Marie Lauture, Diane Krausz, Elissa D. Hecker, Ethan Bordman, Ezra Doner, Jill Pilgrim, Judah Shapiro, Judy Bass, Joyce Dollinger, Larry Sapadin, Robert Seigel, Rosemarie Tully, Sharmin Woodall

**Attending by Virtual Conference/Telephone:** Bennett Liebman, Carol J. Steinberg, Isaro Carter, Jason Baruch, Kathy Kim, Kristin Paradisis, Les Greenbaum, Louise Carron, Phillip R. Hurwitz, Sarah Robertson, Sharmin Woodall, Steve Rodner

1. **Approval of November & December 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Ethan Bordman made a motion to approve the November 2023 and December 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was approved, and the minutes were unanimously accepted by the EC members present.

2. **EC Member Introductions**

Each committee member introduced themselves and their roles on the EASL EC. (We also discussed our gift to our EASL Liaison, Sharmin Woodall, before she made her leave.)

3. **EASL Journal Status** – (Elissa Hecker)

Elissa shared that the Spring Issue of the Journal is almost done, with the exception of the Annual Meeting transcript. Additionally, she is interested in receiving articles from committees that are historically underrepresented in journal articles.

4. **Financial Report** - (Judah Shapiro, Treasurer)

Judah reported that there were no unusual expenses. He also shared that he would work along with Isaro with her transition into being EASL Treasurer. He also noted that he was Isaro's first point of contact with the EASL EC!

Finally, Judah urged the committee that we be more frugal with our spending because EASL is running off of our surplus with annual deficits.

5. **Committee/Program Reports/Updates (ad hoc)**

### 5.1. Sponsorship Committee

Ethan mentioned they would circle back to discussing sponsorships, emphasizing the importance of great partnerships. He encouraged anyone with leads or ideas for sponsorships for the annual meeting to reach out to either Charman or himself, as there is ample time, approximately six weeks, to explore and secure sponsorships.

## 6. Other Initiatives and New Business

### 6.1. Nominating committee- Slate for Incoming Officers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ethan Bordman shared the slate of incoming EC officers. They are as follows:

**Chair** – Sarah Robertson

**Vice Chair** – Judy Bass

**Second Vice Chair** – Judah Shapiro

**Treasurer** – Isaro Carter

**Assistant Treasurer** –

**Secretary** – Louise Carron

**Assistant Secretary** – Christine-Marie Lauture

**House of Delegates Representative** – Barry Skidelsky (Takes over June 1<sup>st</sup>)

### 6.2. Talent Agencies Act – Legislative Committee

Ethan Bordman shared that he has recently been in touch with Lena Faustel. She said she would be reaching out to Senator Kavanagh's office. He was asked to reach out and follow up again with the Legislative Committee later this month (January).

### 6.3. Membership Committee

There was a discussion about the change in the membership cost structure in 2025. There will be a new proposal submitted to all the sections tentatively in Fall '24. Barry Skidelsky shared that the price of membership/dues will increase & membership will include two sections, and unlimited CLEs. Additional section membership will be priced at \$30/section. The March drop deadline will also be retired with the "Revised Membership Model". Barry S. also shared with the EC the new revenue-sharing model of NYSBA membership. Each section will receive a dollar amount equal to the ratio of members of their section compared to the total association. It works like a royalty, so

we're incentivized to grow our membership.

There was also a discussion of whether, with unlimited CLE access, it would be worth it to attend any in-person events. Ethan shared that he addressed this with NYSBA, and they let him know that it was up to the sections to come up with compelling in-person events.

#### 6.4. Sports Betting in NYS program – Bennett Liebman

To give us context, Bennett Liebman started his report discussing “proposition betting” which is a bet that has nothing to do with the outcome of a sporting event (e.g., betting that a player would wear a certain color hat or get kicked out of the game).

Bennett went on to share that the *Sports Betting in NYS* program was co-sponsored by the Women in Law Section. The program was a non-CLE event, and there were 70 people in attendance. There was a broad discussion with people from FanDuel and consultants with the American Gaming Association. The discussion was an hour long, and they have since only received positive feedback about it.

#### 6.5. Cowan Bresler Scholarship Update – Scholarship Committee

Ethan shared that we received 11 paper submissions from students from 7 different schools. Ethan noted that we usually receive around 15 papers, but at this time, we receive submissions from seven different schools, which was impressive. There was even a paper from a lawyer from overseas, but of course, that one had to be disqualified. The topic of the overseas paper also had nothing to do with sports.

Additionally, Ethan noted that papers are included when a submission is from a student of any of the NY/NJ area. He also mentioned that next year we should include up to 10 additional schools but also notifying all of the students at those schools as it would be unfair to not notify all of the students.

Ethan also gave a big thanks to everyone on the committee who helped grade papers. He asked that when we have people volunteering next year, that they commit to the entire grading process.

#### 6.6. Entertainment Law Basics program

Diane Krausz spoke with the NYSBA CLE Department and let them know that an Intro to Entertainment Law survey from us based on their current structure, where EASL would have to do all the work of planning the event, using our budget to pay for it, but not get any of the revenue from it. The CLE Department then said they would cover the expenses. Thank you, Diane!

### 7. Thank you to our EC Chair, Ethan Bordman!

Jill Pilgrim led the EC in a group thanks to Ethan for a job well done during his tenure as the Chair of the EASL Executive Committee. Graciously, Ethan thanked us all in return.

**7. Dates of Future EC Meetings – Save the Date:**

Future Meeting Dates – Wednesdays 12:30pm – 2pm

**2024**

First Wednesday of the Month

February 7th

March 6th

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

July - NO Meeting

August - NO Meeting

September 4th

October 9th (Moved as Religious Holiday on October 2nd)

November 6th

December 4th

Respectfully submitted,  
Isaro Carter, EASL Secretary