

The Baltimore County Bar Association, Inc.

100 County Courts Building • 401 Bosley Avenue • Towson, Maryland 21204-4491

STATED MEETING AGENDA

June 19, 2014

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICERS

Philip N. Tirabassi
President

T. Wray McCurdy
President-Elect

Vicki Ballou-Watts
Secretary

Robert J. Thompson
Treasurer

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Adam T. Sampson
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Michael W. Siri
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YOUNG LAWYERS REPRESENTATIVE

Tyler J. Nowicki

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Robert W. Lazzaro

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Doris D. Barnes

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE DIRECTOR

Rachel M. Ruocco

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Maxine M. Morrow

I. Meeting called to order by President, Philip N. Tirabassi

II. Approval of Minutes, February 20, 2014*

III. Treasurer's Report by Robert J. Thompson
1. Current Financial Report
2. FY 2014-15 Budget*
& New Dues Structure

IV. Standing Committee Reports

ADR	Lawyer Referral Service
Advocate	Long-Range Planning
Bench/Bar	Membership & Admissions
Constitution & Bylaws	Memorial & Recognition
CLE	Negligence, Ins & WC
Criminal Law	Pro Bono
Entertainment	Professionalism
Estates & Trusts	Public Awareness & Spkrs
Family Law	Real Property
Fee Arbitration	Solo & Small Firm
Historical	State & Local Laws/Zoning
Law Day	Technology
Lawyer Assistance	Young Lawyers

V. MSBA Board of Governors Report

VI. New Business

1. Honorary Membership Requests
A. Gordon Boone
Edward Johnston
Laurel P. Reese
William J. Wiseman III

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VII. Introduction and Installation of New Officers and Executive Council

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Executive Council

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Immediate Past
President

Philip N. Tirabassi

Young Lawyers
Chair

Catherine M. Simanski

VIII. Remarks by President T. Wray McCurdy

IX. Adjournment

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*Please join us at **Towson Tavern**, for the reception sponsored by the **Young Lawyers Committee** and the **Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos**, immediately following the Stated Meeting.*

*Materials attached

BALTIMORE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE STATE MEETING, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

- I. The Stated Meeting of the Baltimore County Bar Association took place on Thursday, February 20, 2014 in courtroom #5 of the Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland. The meeting was called to order by President-elect, T. Wray McCurdy at 4:34pm. President-elect McCurdy gave some brief opening remarks and explained that BCBA president, Hon. Philip Tirabassi was out of town to attend a funeral.
- II. The Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Stated Meeting were approved.
- III. Treasurer Robert Thompson reported that as of 1/31/2014 the Associate had assets of \$119,029.50 as compared with assets of \$147,464.50 for the period ending 1/31/2013. There was a general discussion about the measures the Executive Council is taking to control the budget.
- IV. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Hon. Sally Chester, reported that the Committee has made the following nominations to be approved at the next Stated Meeting:

President – T. Wray McCurdy
President-elect – Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts
Secretary – Robert J. Thompson
Treasurer – Adam T. Sampson
Keith R. Truffer
Rebecca A. Fleming
Michael W. Siri
Jay D. Miller
Stanford G. Gann, Jr.
John G. (Jack) Turnbull, III
Phillip N. Tirabassi, Immediate Past President.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADR COMMITTEE – No report.

ADVOCATE COMMITTEE – Rob Erdman reported that the Advocate has been dealing well with the transition from print to digital and the trials associated with Doris Barnes being out of work. He encourage committee chairperson to get information about their upcoming event to the Advocate early so that flyers and announcement can be made and the events can be covered.

BENCH/BAR COMMITTEE– There was no February meeting due to inclement weather. The April meeting will have a guest speaker.

CONSITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE – No report.

CLE COMMITTEE – No report.

CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE – No report.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE – The Committee is hosting the upcoming golf outing and is planning to keep the cost the same as last year.

ESTATES & TRUSTS COMMITTEE – The committee has been active and has five upcoming events in the Spring.

FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE -- The committee has been active and has three more dinner meetings planned, as well as other activities such as brown bag lunches.

FEE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE – No report.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – No report.

LAW DAY COMMITTEE – Law Day is May 1 and speakers have been confirmed for both the breakfast meeting and the afternoon ceremony.

LAWYER REFERRAL COMMITTEE – No report, however Rachel Rucco reported positive results from the fee sharing arrangement that has been undertaken.

LAWYER REFERRAL COMMITTEE – No report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – The BCBA currently has 1,852 members. The committee continues to be active and has upcoming events planned.

MEMORIAL AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – Glenn Lazarro reported the names of those members who had passed at the time of the meeting.

NEGLIGENCE, INSURANCE & WORKERS' COMP. COMMITTEE – The committee has been active, including holding lunch meetings. It has upcoming events planned.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE – Jack Turnbull reported that the committee has been active and has upcoming events planned.

PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE – It was reported that the committee has received positive feedback about Judge Robert Steinberg being given the Professionalism Award at the Black Tie Banquet.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SPEAKERS COMMITTEE – No report.

REAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE – The committee continues to be active and had two upcoming events planned.

SOLO & SMALL FIRM COMMITTEE – A written report was submitted.

STATE & LOCAL LAWS/ZONING – Larry Schmidt reported that the committee remains active and has planned upcoming events.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No report.

YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE – A written report was submitted.

- VI. Robert Lazarro delivered the MSBA Board or Governors' Report. The Board of Governors meets monthly and its most recent meeting was January 21, 2014 at the Hillendale Country Club. The MSBA Polar Bear Plunge has been rescheduled to March 8, 2014. Mr. Lazarro reported that at the next MSBA Annual meeting, former BCBA President Debra G. Shubert will be installed as President of the MSBA, and he encourage all those who can attend to attend that event.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
Honorary Membership requests were approved for Barry M. Cohen and Albert B. Polovoy.
- VIII. There being no new business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. Thee meeting adjourned at 5:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Robert J. Thompson, Acting Secretary

Baltimore County Bar Association, Inc.
 Budget Fiscal Year 7/1/2014-6/30/2015

INCOME

DUES INCOME	
Dues - Association Members	\$ 190,000
TOTAL DUES INCOME	<u>190,000</u>
STANDING COMMITTEE INCOME	
Lawyer Referral Dues	5,000
Lawyer Referral Fees	19,000
Lawyer Referral Split Fees	5,000
LRS Advertising Surcharge	3,500
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEE INCOME	<u>32,500</u>
ADVOCATE INCOME	
Advocate Advertising(&Subscriptions)	17,000
TOTAL ADVOCATE INCOME	<u>17,000</u>
COMMITTEE INCOME	
Continuing Legal Education	2,500
Young Lawyers Bar Library	3,000
Family Law Events	13,000
Supreme Court Admissions	-
Technology Event	-
National Adoption Day-Sponsorship	500
TOTAL SECTION INCOME	<u>19,000</u>
SOCIAL FUNCTION INCOME	
Banquet	63,000
Bowling	0
Crab Feast	6,500
Golf	8,500
Hospitality Suite Sponsors	0
Law Day	1,800
Law Day Sponsors	4,250
Holiday Party	7,000
Softball Sponsorship	400
Star Spangled Celebration	25,000
TOTAL SOCIAL FUNCTION INCOME	<u>116,450</u>
OTHER INCOME	
Sponsorship	12,000
AV Equipment Rental	1,400
Interest	180
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>13,580</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 388,530</u>

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Budget Fiscal Year 7/1/2014-6/30/2015

EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE EXPENSE

Star Spangled Celebration	25,000
Stated Meeting Reception	2,000
Executive Council Annual Dinner	3,000
Past Presidents Annual Dinner	3,500
Executive Conference	5,000

TOTAL EXECUTIVE EXPENSE 38,500

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE EXPENSE

Lawyer Referral***	4,500
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TOTAL LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE EXPENSE 4,500

COMMITTEE EXPENSE

Continuing Legal Education	1,000
Family Law Events	9,000
Technology Event	-
National Adoption Day	250
Supreme Court Admissions	-
Swearing In	-
Young Lawyers-Bar Library	3,300

TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE 13,550

SOCIAL FUNCTION EXPENSES

Banquet	56,000
Crab Feast	6,200
Hospitality Suite	4,000
Golf	8,500
Law Day	-
Holiday Party	4,000
National Pro Bono Week	1,500
Softball Tournament	400

TOTAL SOCIAL EXPENSES 80,600

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Bank Charges	100
Credit Card Fees	2,000
Depreciation	-
Dues & Subscriptions	2,300
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	1,000
Gifts & Memorials	2,500
Insurance - Health & Disability	3,500
Insurance	4,400
Internet	1,800
Legal & Accounting	11,000
Miscellaneous	100
Meeting & Public Relations	8,000
Memorial Service	300
Office Supplies & Stationery	4,500
Parking	2,000
Payroll Taxes	12,519
Pension Plan	4,814
Postage	1,700
Rent - Office,Storage	4,500
Salaries & Wages	160,450
Sponsorship	-
Taxes - Personal Property	800
Technology	300
Telephone	9,500
Travel	2,500
Web Page	7,000
Contribution to Reserve	3,797
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	251,380
	388,530
	<u>\$ -</u>
	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
 Capital Budget Plans at this time	 <u><u>\$ -</u></u>

** Baltimore County Bar Association exchanges IT support in the amount of \$10,000 for sponsorships.

Active Members	1380
Free	88
Honorary	59
Law Student	82
Government/Non-Profit	98
Total Members	<u>1707</u>