MINORITY BAR COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Friday, June 12, 2020 at Noon by Zoom


Calling the Meeting to Order @ Noon – Tyesha Miley, Chair, Vice Chair – Tony J. Thompson; Anthony Cox Co-Vice-Chair

I. Introductions of attendees

II. Action Items:
   A. Approval of May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes; Shuster/Rampaul; approved
   B. Vote on Support of NAPABA Statement
      After discussion, Tsiwen Law withdrew his motion to publish a statement on behalf of the MBC, until the final statement is ready. Meanwhile, the MBC page will include links to statements by Past President John and current President Schwager.

III. Subcommittee Chair Reports:
   A. Diversity Summit – Andrea Farney, Sharon Barney, Anthony Cox, Jay Silberblatt & Patrice Turrene
      Registration materials are being created. Program is finalized
   B. Minority Attorney Conference – Marisa Lattimore, Rhodia Thomas
      Haven't met--focus on Diversity Summit now.
   C. Community Outreach – Raphael Castro & Nego Pile
      Tyesha Miley noted that this subcommittee could be busy as areas start to reopen following the Covid – 19 shutdown
   D. Membership – Sharon Lopez, Jacqueline Martinez
      Sharon Lopez reported that this subcommittee has been on hold, with the Covid-19 shutdown. New subcommittee members are always welcome. Website will be updated with Executive Council information. David Schwager noted that the BLI website is good for membership outreach.
   E. Legislative – Tsiwen Law & Brenda Marrero
      Tsiwen Law said that June is state budget time. Congress passed the Heroes Act which revises the 1989 Hate Crimes Statistics Act and is working on passing the Justice in Policing Act, which would ban no knock warrants and the use of chokeholds by police departments. The latter would create certain minimum guidelines for the 18,000 police departments across the U.S.
   D. Education
      Dolly Shuster noted that a questionnaire was sent to all MBC members, looking for educational
IV. Old Business
Bill Cluck asked whether the PA State Assembly is holding a special session. Jay Silberblatt discussed Rule 8.4g, which deals with bias. Tom Wilkinson said there may be an action item from the Legal Ethics Committee by the next MBC meeting.

V. New Business
The October MBC meeting will be postponed to October 16, due to the Diversity Summit being held on October 7.

VI. Member comments or concerns

VII. Adjournment

➤ Next MBC Meeting by Zoom – Friday, July 10 at Noon
➤ Next Executive Council Meeting by conference call – Monday, June 29 at Noon