I. Attendance – Sarah Quinn, Courtenay Dunn, Missy Leininger, Justin Bayer, Lars Anderson, Lis Triscari, Kathryn Urbanowicz, Daniel McKenzie, Joel Seelye, Amanda Seelye, Phil Yoon, Alison Wasserman, Jacob Gurwitz, Chuck Eppolito, Lisa Benzie, David Schwager, Tamika Washington, Tyra Oliver (phone), Jonathan Koltash (phone), Alaina Koltash (phone), Corey Mowry (phone), Denise Pekelnicky (Phone)

II. Essay ContestWinner- The Civil and Equal Rights Committee, Law Related Education Committee and the YLD paired up this year to present the first annual essay contest winner- Ethan Wilt

III. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Justin Bayer made the motion to approve and Joel Seelye seconded the motion.

IV. Jacob Gurwitz presented the nominating committee’s report. This report nominated Joel Seelye for Chair Elect, Tyra Oliver for Secretary, Melissa Leininger for Treasurer and Jonathan Koltash as Division Delegate. Phil Yoon made a motion to approve the report as nominated and it was unanimously seconded.

V. Lars Anderson gave his last Chair report and congratulated Justin Bayer on becoming the new Chair.

VI. Justin Bayer reminded everyone that the summer conference would be at Seven Springs on August 5-7. You should look for an email invitation, they will not be mailed this year.

VII. Jonathan Koltash gave a quick Treasurer’s report and noted that we are in good shape to end this PBA year.

VIII. Melissa Leininger noted that it would be Chair of the House of Delegates, Lisa Benzie’s last meeting as Chair and congratulated her on her successful two years. Melissa reminded everyone that the next House of Delegates meeting would be held on May 8th and encouraged everyone to attend.

IX. Courtney Dunn gave the ABA Delegate Report. She stated that the YLD spring conference would be held in Tampa the week of May 13-16th. She also announced that May 18th and 19th there would be LGBT advocacy days on Capitol Hill. The next ABA meeting will be held on July 30th- August 1st in Chicago and the YLD is still looking for delegates.

X. Jonathan Koltash gave the Mock Trial Program Report. Quigley Catholic HS won this year. Nationals will be taking place the following weekend. If anyone is interested in being a Regional or District coordinator, you should contact Jonathan or Maria.

XI. Lars Anderson announced the next dates for Wills for Heroes events. He also stated that he used some of his budgeted money to buy laptops for the program.

XII. Alison Wasserman reported that At Issue is always looking for YLD members to write articles.

XIII. The Upcoming Events calendar was handed out.

XIV. Alaina Koltash gave a report for CCBL. She stated that the end of May will be the CCBL Executive retreat. She asked members to come up with ideas for a YLD themed CLE. Chuck Eppolito mentioned that we should use current BLI class’s survey and CLE they were developing.

XV. Chuck Eppolito also welcomed Lisa Benzie as the new co-chair of BLI. They are still accepting applications to the 2015-2016 class and he encouraged everyone to nominate young lawyers.

XVI. Elizabeth Triscari was named to the PBI Board of Directors as the YLD representative.

XVII. Justin Bayer concluded the meeting by presenting Lars Anderson with a plaque for his year of service.
YLD Minutes 8/6/15-Business Meeting

-Attendance: Melissa Calvert, Jacqulyn Harris, Denise Pekelnicky, John Mazzeo, Tiffany Cummings, Zack Mesher, Matt Kudrick, Jennifer Menichini, Sean Gallagher, Kathleen Wilkinson, Amanda Seelye, Tancredi Calabrese, Joel Seelye, Chris Michelone, Rachael Kemmey, Maureen Kane, Lindsay Ettl, Louis Kroeck, Amanda Chaplin, Alaina Koltash, Sherri Hurst, Olivia Jolly, Anthony Hoover, Kathryn Urbanowicz, Ted Knafelc, Evan Jones, Tyler Miley, Dorothy Milovac, Caleb Enerson, Katherine Berquist, Danni Petyo, Valerie Sylves, Lan Truong, Tyree Blair, Jessica Bowman, Andrew Levin, Steven George, Lindette Hassan, Aimee Kumer, Colin O’Boyle, David Pedri, Jada Greenhowe, Sara Austin, Lisa Benzie, Alison Wasserman, Beth Burton, Tyra Oliver, Fran O’Rourke, Barry Simpson, Frank O’Connor, Bill Pugh, Chuck Eppolito, Sharon Lopez, Erin Hamilton, Patrick Kurtas, Alex Guminski, Jon Koltash, Lars Anderson, Phil Yoon, Dan Forrest, BJ John, Missy Leininger, Justin Bayer, Patrick Gallo, Krystal MacIntyre, Aaron Holt

-Welcome and introductions

-The minutes from the last meeting were approved. BJ John moved for the approval, Denise Pekelnicky seconded the motion and the member unanimously approved the minutes.

-Chair report—Justin Bayer explained opportunities for young lawyers in the PBA

-Chair-elect report- Joel Seelye asked people to try to attend the summer meeting annually. He requested input for next year’s summer meeting, and encouraged new admittees to seek out their zone chairs.

-Treasurer report- Melissa Leininger reminded zone chairs that there is money available for zone caravans. She encourages everyone to attend the caravans.

-ABA Delegate report- Alex Guminski explained the duties and responsibilities of the ABA Delegate. Alex mentioned that the ABA presented several awards to Pennsylvania Counties including Blair and Allegheny Counties. He also acknowledged that Courtenay Dunn won the ABA’s SOGI Commission Outstanding Liaison of the Year.

-Charles Eppolito III explained the BLI program and its selection process. He noted that half of YLD leadership are BLI graduates.
Justin noted that the federal court program is looking for volunteers in Southeastern PA. The volunteer panel will represent pro se litigants, and can screen cases to accept assignments. Participants are eligible for expense reimbursements up to $4000. Cases are pre-screened to survive summary judgment. Justin said this is a big firm training ground for young lawyers to get trial experience, and that mentors available through program. The middle district has a similar program with reimbursement per a middle district member from the floor.

Justin mentioned that he is seeking YLD liaisons for select committees and sections (see agenda)---interested parties will report to us about their respective committees/sections and will report our activities to them. Interested parties should email Justin or Maria.

Wills for heroes- The program was explained and members were encouraged to look at the handout for opportunities to participate in the program.

--Statewide mock trial program report- Jon Koltash explained the program, and encouraged interested parties to contact Maria Engles. He reminded members that attorney advisors need certification, and that this is a great program for kids.

-At Issue- Alison Wasserman explained the publication and solicited articles.

-Announcement of upcoming events which were included as a handout at the meeting.

-There was no new business.

-Meeting Adjorned
YLD Business Meeting 11/19/15 – Committee & Section Day

Attendance - Jon Koltash, Justin Bayer, PJ Gallo, Denise Pekelnicky, Jacqulyn Harris, Melissa Calvert, Corey Mowrey, Joel Seelye, Dan McKenrick, Fawn Kehler, Melissa Leininger, Sara Austin, Kathryn Urbanowicz, Sharon Lopez, Bill Pugh, Lisa Benzie, Anthony Hoover, Tyra Oliver, Elizabeth Burton, Tyesha Miley, Valerie Sylvis, Katherine Berquist, Jennifer Menichini, Tiffany Cummings, Nicole Antos, Andrea Farney, Alaina Koltash, Chuck Eppolito (on phone) Megan Riesmeyer, Lindette Hassan, Alison Wasserman, Tamika Washington

--- Introductions

--- Approval of minutes; motion-Denise Pekelnicky; PJ second

--- Sara Austin- asked people to think about leadership in the YLD and PBA at large contact her if you're interested in leadership

--- Contact Justin if you're interested in Wills for Heroes

--- Chair Report (Justin Bayer)

- Encouraged people to get involved in the House of Delegates by reaching out to your zone governor

- YLD members explained which committees/sections they are involved with

- Wants YLD members to report to the YLD about the particular comm/sec they are involved with

- Sara A. explained Rocket Lawyer; problematic; PBA leadership is dealing with the issue; PBA is not in favor of this project--Justin project put ABA at odds with PBA

- Justin contact legislators about taxes on legal services

--- PA Lawyer-PBA publication- looking for YLD members to publish articles- contact Justin or Maria Engles
--- Chair-Elect Report (Joel Seelye)

- Forming summer meeting planning group to plan the event-plan CLEs and events--great leadership opportunity--at Toftrees next year--contact Joel

---- Treasurer report (Missy Leininger)

- Plan zone events; 6 months left in the fiscal year
- Make sure each zone plans a caravan

---- Statewide mock trial event

- Justin explained program
- Interested parties should contact Maria Engles
- State championship is April 1-2, 2016
- Contact Jon Koltash if interested

--- At Issue

- Seeking articles
- Let Jon Koltash or Alison Wasserman know

--- Zone Reports

- Individual zone leaders spoke about programming and YLD development in their counties and zones.

--- VP Sharon Lopez spoke about the need for the YLD to do membership development.

--- Nicole Antos spoke about CCBL-great conference with a YLD business meeting

--- Reviewed upcoming events handouts

--- New business

- Announced new additions to YLD members' families
- Denise support agenda item for secured leave in house of delegates meeting tomorrow