#PBAYLDSummit19

Young Lawyers Summer Summit

YLD Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 25, 2019

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Menichini called meeting to order at 9:27 AM in the Grand Ballroom of the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Boalsburg, PA.

ABA Delegate Kyle Perdue and YLD Division Delegate Paul Edgar could not attend. Secretary Garnet Crossland has a family emergency and could not attend, so Diana Collins, YLD Zone 5 Co-Chair, will take the minutes.

PBA President Anne John welcomes group. Chair Menichini introduces other PBA leadership including: PBA President Elect David Schwager; VP Kathleen Wilkinson; Chair of House of Delegates Deni Morton; Women at Large Governor Nancy Conrad; Michael McDonald; Tom Wilkinson, former PBA President; Executive Director Barry Simpson and Deputy Director Fran O’Rourke. Acknowledged Past YLD Chair Jonathan Koltash.

All in attendance introduce themselves by stating their names and zone.

II. Adoption of the Minutes

(https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division/Meetings-and-Events/Meeting-Minutes)

Minutes from the May meeting are in the packet that everyone received and you can check past minutes on YLD website on the PBA page.

Schawnne Kilgus moved to adopt the minutes. Immediate past Chair Alaina second the motion.

III. Executive Council Reports

a. Treasurer (Chris Michelone)

We are doing a great job scheduling caravans. We have 7 out of 12 scheduled already.

Chris explained that for new admitees, each of Zone Chairs is responsible for sponsoring an event in their zone. Baseball games, wine tasting, wing fest, quizzo, amusement parks are all events. This is a great chance to get together with fellow
attorneys in your zone. If you are able to attend other zone events, that’s a great way to meet people as well.

b. YLD Division Delegate Report (Paul Edger)
c. ABA Delegate (Kyle Perdue)
d. Chair Elect (Colin O’Boyle)
   Colin said he hopes that everyone is enjoying this year and to stay in the moment. His year is planned and next year the Summer Summit will be at the Nittany Lion Inn.
e. Chair Report (Jen Menichini)
   Welcomed people to planning committee for the Summer Summit.
   Welcomed feedback to these meetings. Send to council or Maria Engles.

IV. YLD Projects
(https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division/Projects-and-Programs)

a. Committee and Section Liaisons (Sharon Barney)
   Sharon Barney said last year was the first year every single committee and section had a liaison. It’s a way to bridge the gap between the YLD and committees and sections; they can find out about what we are doing and vice versa.
   Many liaisons have already been picked. There are some additional committees and sections that still need liaisons that are indicated on a sheet in our packet. Email Sharon by August 9th if you’d like to participate.
b. Social Media Subcommittee (Jon Koltash)
   Report is coming.
c. E-Mentorship Program (Alaina Koltash)
   Program started last year to engage law student members and new lawyers with 3 years of less of practice. The PBA already has plenty of mentorship programs through committees and sections. The YLD wanted to do something different. They looked at an e-mentorship where you do this electronically. The YLD gave them suggested topics and highlighted PBA events and benefits. The Program matched 77 mentors and mentees for the first year. They were only hoping for 20. They want to do this again.
   In the packet, there is a blue sheet giving information about the program. It discusses mentors and mentees. Application forms are also posted on the website and there will be an email sent about it. They will work on applications through September and getting volunteers.
   Last year she had to recruit a couple extra mentors to fit mentee needs and it worked well.
   There is a subcommittee for the program and they’re looking and open for new ideas. There will be a information available in August. It will not be a big time commitment.
   Chair Menichini said she wants to continue it to next year.
d. Statewide Mock Trial Program (Jon Koltash and Jen Menichini)
   https://www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/Mock-Trial-Competition

Interested in being a Juror, County Coordinator or an Attorney Advisor for a team? Please contact State Mock Trial Chairs:

-Jonathan Koltash (jonathan.koltash@gmail.com)
-Jennifer Menichini (jm@joyvecarmody.com)
-Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)
Chair Menichini said PA has one of largest mock trial programs in the country. The PBA YLD sponsors this and there is a committee with Chair Menichini and Jon Koltash chairing it. Participants across the state participate as cochairs and advisors. The problem is already being written. Mock trial season doesn’t end. Competition begins early next year. We ask the YLD to volunteer wherever you can – in your region, etc. If you’re interested, contact Chair Menichini or Jon Koltash.

e. At Issue

   a. Deadline for article submission for the next Issue

   Contact:
      - Mark Kovalcin at (kovalcin.mark@gmail.com)
      - Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)

   b. Subject matter should be pertinent to young lawyers.
   c. NO longer than 1200 words in length. Can be considered to run in a series.
   d. Should include a short biography.

f. Wills for Heroes

   b. In the summer there are not as many Wills for Heroes event but these pick up in the fall. You can go to the website to see the scheduled dates.
   c. Chair Menichini said if you’ve never had one, reach out because the YLD can help plan. It’s a state program that is well received. Colin OBoyle said if you haven’t done it before, you don’t need to be an estate planning expert. There is a CLE that is before the program that teaches you how to do everything You’ll walk through the program with an expert and follow the prompts. The first responders have been vetted to make sure their case is appropriate for the program. In Montgomery county, they did it for the sheriffs. Different firehouses have hosted them and police departments. Veterans are also included in the group. The whole purpose of this was to make sure a 9/11 scenario didn’t happen again where first responders pass away without having an estate plan. Montgomery County has Lisa Sherman as one of the statewide coordinators. It takes some time to get setup but once they come in and setup shop, you just get people to man the work stations. It’s a very manageable program. He encourages to have one in each county.

g. Law School Update (Lauren Hartley)

   a. Lauren is on staff at Dickinson Law and coordinates Public Interest and ProBono programs. A position was created for her in the YLD called Chair at Large for Law Schools. Now there are student reps from law students. Lauren would like to engage law students more. Joining as a student is free. You can come to most events at a discounted rates or free. Lauren encourages people to have law students come to their zones. The PBA visits law schools and we would like the law school reps. Lauren presented to the Board of Governors at the last meeting in May and talked about bar admission trends, hiring trends, etc. If you are ever asked to appear or speak on a panel at your law school, please participate and
b. Ann John is also forming a legal academics committee in the future.
c. The bar exam is next week! IF anyone in your life is taking the exam, show them some encouragement.
d. Chair Menichini prompted Lauren to mention an initiative for the Uniform Bar Exam. PA is not one of the states that uses the UBE. There has been interest from many groups including Student Government at Dickinson Law to use the UBE. Students are savy these days and are factoring this into what law school they choose. You can no longer take PA and NJ again. Most firms aren’t going to pay for a second bar exam and most young associates don’t want to take a second exam. It’s a mobility and competitiveness issue. The Board of Law Examiners has considered this quietly. It is appropriate for the YLD to encourage them to take a harder look at this and figure out how to do this. 34 other states including NY and NJ have figured it out so we should as well – to make PA a more friendly place to young lawyers.
e. Chair Menichini noted that the Law Student Division is now part of the PBA YLD, so this is an issue that is appropriate for us. Asked for people to reach out.

h. Law School Representatives
   a. No reports.

V. Bar Leadership Institute
   a. Stephanie is a co-chair for the BLI. This year is our 10th anniversary.
   b. There are 11 members of the BLI class (they stand and applause).

VI. Other PBA Initiatives
   a. Pa Bar Foundation
      i. Chair Menichini said this is the charitable arm of the PBA. There is a yellow sheet in the packet that explains the Bar Foundation. We should recognize the great things they do and we don’t mention them as frequently as we should. If you need additional info, just mention it to Maria. Alaina Koltash is the YLD member for the Bar Foundation and newly appointed and will provide updates as year progresses.
   b. PBA PAC
      i. Chair Menichini said the PBA PAC that is our legislative department run by Fred Cabell. You can donate to the PAC. The PBA has a PAC working on our behalf and provides information to us. It helps us to address certain resolutions at the house.

VII. Zone Reports
   a. Zone Reports are in our packet and there is a council contact list.
   b. Caravan events are being planned. They’re setup for our zone. They’re sponsored by the PBA in conjunction with the counties where we are having them. We don’t usually go through those.

VIII. Upcoming Events
   a. These are also listed on our YLD Facebook Page and website. (https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division/Meetings-and-Events)
   b. July 28, 2019
      i. Zone 3 Social Event – York Revolution
      ii. People’s Bank Stadium – York, PA
      iii. Contact Jenn Galloway
   c. August 8, 2019
i. Zone 8 Social Event – Altoona Curve Baseball Game  
   ii. People’s Natural Gas Field – Altoona, PA  
   iii. Contact Chris Michelone or Schawnne Kilgus  

d. August 8, 2019  
   i. Zone 11 Social Event - Tussey Mountain Wingfest  
   ii. Boalsburg, PA  
   iii. Contact Dan McKenrick or Adrianne Peters Sipes  

e. September 7, 2019  
   i. Zone 4 Social Event - Knoebels Amusement Park  
   ii. Elysburg, PA  
   iii. Contact Rachel Planas  

f. November 14, 2019  
   i. PBA Committee Section Day*  
   ii. Red Lion Inn – Harrisburg, PA  

g. January 29-February 2, 2020  
   i. PBA Mid Year Meeting  
   ii. Nassau, The Bahamas  

h. February 27-29, 2020  
   i. PBA Conference for County Bar Leaders (CCBL)*  
   ii. Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA  

i. March 27-28, 2020  
   i. Mock Trial State Championship  
   ii. Dauphin County Courthouse – Harrisburg, PA  

j. May 6-8, 2020  
   i. PBA Annual Meeting*  
   ii. Sheraton Philadelphia – City Center Hotel - Philadelphia, PA  

k. July 22-24, 2020  
   i. PBA Young Lawyers Summer Summit*  
   ii. The Nittany Lion Inn – State College, PA  

IX. Old Business  

X. New Business  
   i. The YLD page is [https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division](https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Lawyers/Young-Lawyers-Division) or [www.pabar.org](http://www.pabar.org) → For Lawyers → Young Lawyers Division  
   ii. YLD Facebook – PBA Young Lawyers Division  
   iii. Diana Collins is new Chair of the Law Related Education Committee and speaks about it’s mission (Law Day, Constitution Day) and upcoming events (19th Amendment, Election Year, Census). Asks for volunteers.  
      Colin O’Boyle says Montgomery County does this as well. Judges participate in this as well. This is a great idea for a young lawyer to bring to your county. The structures for these events are already setup.
Clearances to go into school. You can hear about things that people are doing in other counties.
Chair Menichini mentions that Lawyers in the Classroom in May comes out of our Law Related Education Committee.

YLD Zone 5 Caravan Octoberfest is set for October 3rd.

Chair Menichini said you have a membership profile if you’re on the PBA website. You can put a picture on it. There’s a YLD Facebook page so please follow it or add your picture. Upload them and use our hashtag.

Chair Menichini reviews the benefits of the PBA. There are laminated cards about PBA benefits. We have Casemaker, USI Affinity, etc. We also have a Quick Guide for Benefits. There’s an ethics hotline that you can call. There is a member to member connection. This is included in your membership!
Melissa said last year they did a philanthropy project called Project Linus. For those of us that aren’t crafty, you can purchase fabric kits at JoAnn Fabrics. She will distribute a flyer about it soon. Last year, Mercer County did this as a social event – they had a blanket making party. Chair Menichini discussed the tie blanket kits. We can collect the blankets at meetings and events.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.