#PBAYLDSummit21

Young Lawyers Summer Summit
YLD Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 22, 2021


I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

II. Adoption of the Minutes

Motion for Adoption of the Minutes was made by Colin O’Boyle and seconded by Patrice Turenne. The Motion was carried unanimously and the minutes were approved.

III. Executive Council Reports

a. Treasurer (Chris Michelone)

The YLD has money. Please schedule your social events, if you have not already done so.

b. YLD Division Delegate Report (Jenn Galloway)

If anyone is aware of any pressing issues coming up before the House of Delegates or has any questions on any issues, please contact Jenn. Jennifer@kglawyork.com

Jenn will be sending out an e-mail closer to the November House of Delegates meeting with the upcoming issues.
c. ABA Delegate (Triston O’Savio)

Triston was not present, so a brief report was given by Tom Wilkinson. The ABA meeting is coming up in approximately ten (10) days. This year’s meeting will be a hybrid between in person and virtual.

d. Immediate Past Chair (Colin O’Boyle)

Colin is essentially the “rush chair” for New Admittees. All New Admittees should feel free to contact Colin with any questions.

e. Chair Elect (Patrice Turenne)

Patrice thanked the attendees for coming, and thanked Paul Edger for planning a fantastic Summer Summit.

f. Chair Report (Paul Edger)

Paul thanked the attendees for attending. Paul also highlighted that there are many ways for an individual to be involved in the PBA and YLD.

IV. YLD Projects

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

a. Committee and Section Liaisons (Ryan Sypniewski)

There are currently sixty-one committees/sections. Eleven of those committees/sections currently have liaisons. If anyone is interested in being a liaison, please contact Ryan. sypniewski.ryan9@gmail.com

b. Social Media Subcommittee (Jenn Galloway)

If anyone is interested in helping with this committee, please contact Jenn. Jennifer@kglawyork.com

Jenn is hoping to increase the publicizing over the course of this year. Please remember to post about YLD Events, including the Summer Summit using the hashtag #PBayldsSummit21

c. E-Mentorship Program (Alaina Koltash)

This is the third year for this program. The E-Mentorship Program matches new lawyers/students with YLD members with at least five (5) years of experience.

This year we have approximately eighty (80) mentees.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Maria. Maria.Engles@PABAR.ORG

d. Project Linus (Melissa Merchant-Calvert)

This will be our fourth year of supporting this program, which gives homemade blankets to children in stressful situations.
We will be doing our annual blanket drive on committee/section day on November 18, 2021 at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey in Harrisburg, PA.

If anyone would like more information, please contact Melissa. MCalvert@whalenlaw.us

e. Law School Update (Jennifer Whitehurst)

No report.

f. Law School Representatives

No report.

g. At Issue

a. Article submission for the next Issue – at your earliest convenience
   i. Contact:
      1. Mark Kovalcin at (kovalcin.mark@gmail.com)
      2. Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)

h. Statewide Mock Trial Program

a. https://www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/Mock-Trial-Competition
b. Interested in being a Juror, County Coordinator or an Attorney Advisor for a team? Please contact State Mock Trial Chairs
   i. Jonathan Koltash (jonathan.koltash@gmail.com)
   ii. Jennifer Menichini (jm@joycearmody.com)
   iii. Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)

Jon Koltash was present at the meeting, and indicated that the Pennsylvania Mock Trial Program is one of the largest in the country.

The problem for next year’s mock trial is currently being drafted.

If anyone is interested in more information or becoming a county coordinator, please contact Maria or check out the PBA website.

i. Wills for Heroes

   a. https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Public/Wills-for-Heroes &
      https://www.facebook.com/WFHPA/
   b. To learn about the program, sign up to volunteer, or to see the schedule of events throughout the year please visit the YLD’s Wills for Heroes page
   c. Want to bring the program to your County? For more details, please contact Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)

V. Bar Leadership Institute

The current BLI class is doing another year due to the pandemic.

If anyone is interested in becoming a BLI member, keep a look out in your e-mail for when the application process opens up.
VI. Zone Reports

The bulk of the Zone reports are attached to the agenda; however, the following reports are those that were not submitted in time to be included in those reports.

Zone 9 – Mike Lyon – individual bar associations are getting up and running in Zone 9. Zone 9 is in the process of planning a social event for this fall in King of Prussia. More information to come.

Zone 12 – Michelle Ross – Zone 12 will be holding an event on August 14, 2021 at PNC Park

Zone 8 – Brandon Thomas Ryan – Zone 8 will be holding their social event on August 20, 2021 at an Altoona Curve game.

The minority attorney conference will take place on October 7, 2021

There will be a diversity summit in October 2022.

VII. Upcoming Events

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

- **September 23-24, 2021** Back to the Bar Event at Skytop.
- **November 18, 2021** - PBA Committee Section Day
  - Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, Harrisburg, PA
    - YLD Business Meeting will occur
- **February 2-6, 2022** - PBA Midyear Meeting
  - Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs, FL
- **Feb. 24-26, 2022** - PBA Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL)
  - Marriott Lancaster Penn Square, Lancaster PA
    - YLD Business Meeting will occur on Friday
- **March 25-26, 2022** - PBA Mock Trial Championship
  - Dauphin County Courthouse, Harrisburg, PA
- **May 11-13, 2022** - PBA Annual Meeting
  - Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA
    - YLD Passing of the Gavel and YLD Awards will occur on Thursday at the lunch
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VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

- 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
- YLD Facebook – PBA Young Lawyers Division
Roxanne Zhilo and Jada Greenhowe volunteered for a subcommittee to put together a list of bilingual attorneys in the PBA.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Michelone, seconded by Patrice Turenne. Motion unanimously carried, and meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.
I. Welcome and Introductions
   a. Paul welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:32pm
   b. Paul introduced Bridget Gillespie of the PBA Western office
      i. Staff liaison to legal academics committee looking for volunteers to help
      ii. Working on a project to address student loan debt/networking after
   c. Paul introduced Michael McDonald, PBA Vice President
   d. Paul introduced David Trevaskis, ProBono Coordinator of PBA
   e. *out of turn – Paul introduced Jay Silberblatt, PBA President-Elect who joined us later in the meeting and said hello, welcome and great work

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

   Changes: Sharon Barney corrected the spelling of her last name
   • Shawn Kilgus moved to approve the minutes
   • Kathryn Dales seconded
   • Minutes were approved

III. Executive Council Reports
   a. Treasurer (Chris Michelone)
      i. We have money! 😊
      ii. Social events have picked up; contact Chris for help in planning if needed
   b. YLD Division Delegate Report (Jenn Galloway)
      i. Jenn went through the fairly non controversial agenda for tomorrow’s HOD meeting; if anyone has input, please reach out
      ii. Several recommendations are clean up from May (Bylaw recommendation and compromise)
c. ABA Delegate (Triston O’Savio)  
   i. Not present – no report provided  
   ii. ABA has been slowly picking up

d. Immediate Past Chair (Colin O’Boyle)  
   i. Not present – no report provided

e. Chair Elect (Patrice Turenne)  
   i. Promoted the Summer Summit in July 2022 – Seven Springs
   ii. Committee recently formed for this; if anyone else wants to join, reach out

IV. YLD Projects

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a. Committee and Section Liaisons (Ryan Sypniewski) –  
   a. Ryan gave an update on the various sections and reports provided by the section committee liaisons in writing – see written reports  
   b. Additional reports were offered by attendees at various section meetings. Hunter Schenck offered input on the Ethics Committee. Caleb Enerson offered input on the Government Lawyers committee. Karen Grethlein and Jada Greenhowe offered input on the Civil and Equal Rights committee.

b. Law School Update (Jennifer Whitehurst) – filling vacancies for law student liaisons

c. Social Media Subcommittee (Jenn Galloway) –  
   a. Still trying to enhance our presence on social media; note our zone events were all on Facebook, hopefully you noticed.
   b. Reach out if you want to get more involved.

d. E-Mentorship Program (Alaina Koltash) – unable to be present  
   a. We do have a large number of participants - thank you!
   b. Lots of emails have been going out – hopefully you are all enjoying.

e. Project Linus (Melissa Merchant-Calvert)  
   a. Service project for making homemade blankets
   b. Collecting at CCBL in February

f. ESL Subcommittee (Roxanne Zhilo)  
   a. Provided some background as to how she became the “international language specialist” which brought up a need for creating a database of attorneys who speak additional languages  
   b. Working to create this resource and database – definitely needed

g. Law School Representatives – Sharon Barney reported that a lot of law students are getting more involved and look forward to our Becoming series in December

h. At Issue -  
   a. Article submission for the next Issue – at your earliest convenience
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   b. Looking for a new editor

i. Statewide Mock Trial Program – David Trevaskis gave an overview of the program and called on people to support and get involved; Unsure if it will be in person or virtual  
   a. https://www.pabar.org/site/For-the-Public/Mock-Trial-Competition
   b. Interested in being a Juror, County Coordinator or an Attorney Advisor for a team? Please contact State Mock Trial Chairs
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      iii. Maria Engles (maria.engles@pabar.org)
   c. We need new executive committee members!! Our current chairs are “aged out”
   d. We also need regional coordinators – contact Maria with interest

j. Wills for Heroes – David Trevaskis gave an update on this, as some counties have been able to hold them in person, others had to counsel. Suspects a big push for the spring.
a. [https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Public/Wills-for-Heroes](https://www.pabar.org/site/For-Public/Wills-for-Heroes) & [https://www.facebook.com/WFHPA/](https://www.facebook.com/WFHPA/)
b. To learn about the program, sign up to volunteer, or to see the schedule of events throughout the year please visit the YLD’s Wills for Heroes page
c. Want to bring the program to your County? For more details, please contact Maria Engles ([maria.engles@pabar.org](mailto:maria.engles@pabar.org))
d. Paul would like to expand the coverage of this to include other “front line workers” as eligible for this

Dave Trevaskis also spoke about [https://pa.freelegalanswers.org/](https://pa.freelegalanswers.org/) for pro bono service

V. Election of officers

a. Report of Nominating Committee (Paul Edger)
   i. The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee was approved as submitted, as it was not contested
   ii. Chair: Patrice Turenne; Chair-elect: Jenn Galloway; Treasurer: Chris Michelone; Secretary: Melissa Merchant-Calvert; ABA Rep: Adrianne Peters Sipes

b. Election & poll of contested election
   i. On zoom, cast vote once poll opens
   ii. On telephone, email vote to maria.engles@pabar.org
   iii. Voting open for 5 minutes
   iv. Ryan Sypienowski and Jessica Lehman presented brief intro/remarks
   v. Ryan has been elected as Division Delegate the YLD

VI. Bar Leadership Institute – Ryan gave an overview of BLI

VII. Zone Reports – see submitted written reports

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

- **December 8, 2021 2-4p - via Zoom**
  - Becoming Series - Successful Government Lawyers Inside the Capital Beltway
  - Part II (DAs, PDs and Legal Aid) coming Spring 2022

- **February 2-6, 2022** - PBA Midyear Meeting
  - Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs, FL

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  - Seven Springs Ski Resort, Champion, PA
  - YLD Business Meeting will occur

IX. Social Media Connection:
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b. YLD Facebook – PBA Young Lawyers Division

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

a. Formation of Bylaws Subcommittee
   i. Specific language on voting
   ii. Need people to serve
   iii. Goal – have bylaws voted on in May

XII. Adjournment

     Meeting ended at 4:59pm, Chris Michelone – motion, Mollie Patterson seconded