

**The West Virginia State Bar
Young Lawyer Section – Young Lawyer Board Meeting
Snowshoe Mountain Resort (via virtual and in-person)
Snowshoe, West Virginia
August 8, 2020**

MINUTES

Members present: Chairperson Eric Hayhurst, Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss, Secretary Ashton Bias Harrell, Jordan Laird, Rachel Cornell, Taylor Coplin, Lauren Estep, Laci Browning, Robin Cisco, Kassie Ball, Jessica Robey, Joseph Ford, Matthew Bradford, Joni Nichols, Katheryn Marcum, Lindsey McIntosh, Samantha Koreski, Robert Zak, Hilary Bright, Dane Henry, Nicole Cofer, Isaiah Robinson

Special Guests: John Taylor (WVU College of Law Interim President), Anita Casey, Monica Haddad, Benhamin Mishoe, Mike Mellace

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 p.m. by Chairperson Eric Hayhurst
2. **Ascertainment of Quorum** – Quorum was ascertained by Chairperson Eric Hayhurst
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – Enclosed under Tab 1 are the minutes from the last YLS Executive Committee Meeting, which was held on April 5, 2020 in Charleston, West Virginia, as provided by Secretary Brunicardi-Doss.

ACTION TAKEN: The minutes from the aforementioned meeting were approved by consensus.

4. **Reports of Officers:**
 - a. **Chairperson Eric Hayhurst**
 - i. All new members and current members must review duties of officers.
 - ii. A summary of the officers swearing in ceremony with Chief Armstead – photos were posted on website
 - iii. New Member training to come

- iv. The state bar recognized YLS for “More than a Lawyer” for the month of June and we will be featured in the WV Lawyer Magazine.
- v. If you would like to plan a district event there is still time to do it.

b. Chairperson Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss

- i. ABA looking for interested YLS member to write an article for the ABA magazine.
- ii. Ashton Bias volunteered

c. Secretary Ashton Bias Harrell

- i. Attendance Requirement
- ii. Board permitting permission to attend virtually until further notice due to COVID-19

5. Update on Board of Governors Meeting - Chairperson Hayhurst

- a. Discussion of the response to the WV State Bar’s social justice statement issues by Monica Haddad and Ben Mishoe on behalf of the State Bar.
- b. Local feedback was received
- c. There will be a new section added to the WV Lawyer Magazine (4 articles and a 1 time series on diversity inclusion).
- d. “Culturally Courageous Conversations” – webinars offered by the State Bar will continue
- e. The WV State Bar is significantly under budget this year (many factors played into this – i.e. no bridge the gap, no Greenbrier Annual meeting, etc.)
- f. Board approved the Veterans Affairs limited admission rule
- g. Regional Meetings will likely look different this year. No determination on those at this time.

6. Report of WVU Law School Representative:

- a. SBA’s number one priority is getting the 1L’s settled in and prepared for zoom/virtual classes.
- b. Law School attempting to do as much in person as possible.
- c. First Day of classes is August 19th

7. Committee Reports and Old Business

- a. **Practice Handbook - Dane Henry**
 - i. Taking a new approach
 - ii. The goal is to get consistency with all the different sections
 - iii. Sending out cover letters across the state

iv. Potential publications of CLE's

b. **Bridge the Gap** - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst & Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss

- i. The Supreme Court *granted* the extension request to give new admittees 4 opportunities to complete Bridge the Gap.
- ii. Currently, under the Governor's executive order there cannot be over 25 people attend in person.
- iii. Bridgeport conference room might be able to accommodate 100 people if restriction is lifted.
- iv. Definition of "live" (for requirement purposes) is that the attendee can communicate with the moderator.
- v. Discussion of holding BTG virtually vs. remotely
- vi. Dane Henry will be added to the logistic committee.
- vii. Zoom meeting the week of the 17th to further discuss BTG.

8. **Admissions Ceremonies** – Nicole Cofer, Lauren Estep, Ashton Bias - Nothing to report due to COVID-19

9. **Lunchtime Series** - Robert Zak – Nothing to report

10. **Bar Exam Lunches** – Jessica Robey and Nicole Cofer

- a. The YLS provided Panera lunch boxes.
- b. Panera offered their backroom space.
- c. We did not have as good of a turn out this year (likely due to COVID-19).
- d. Overall, it was a success and greatly appreciated by the law school and exam takers.
- e. All extra lunches were donated to Manna Meal.

11. **Community Outreach**

- a. Special Projects/Public Service Committee
 - i. Discussion among board to make donations to Title 1 Schools in need
 - ii. Supplies needed: K-3 paper, pencils, notebooks
 - iii. Lindsey McIntosh to assist in getting an Amazon Wishlist of items together for YLS
 - iv. Feminine Hygiene Product donations were a success

12. **Technology Committee** – Dane Henry

- a. We are reaching more people than ever on our Facebook platform.
- b. Our best post was the Feminine Hygiene Product donations (over #000 views)

13. Budget Committee – Chair Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss and Ms. Koreski

- a. 2020-2021 Budget (under Tab 4) has not changed since late year.
- b. The only funds that have been used were spent on the Bar Exam Lunches from Panera.

14. JLAP – Robert Zak – Nothing to report

15. Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst, Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss

- a. The meeting will be held at the Greenbrier since it was canceled this year due to COVID-19
- b. Mark Geragos is a scheduled speaker (California Plaintiffs attorney).
- c. Discussion of Sunday Events and schedule – The YLS usually meets at 12 on Sundays, however, there as been some discussion of the members requesting to move the time ad day to permit the attendee to enjoy the activities at the resort.

ACTION TAKEN:

- Joni Nichols moved to change the time of the YLS meeting to permit attendees to enjoy the activities at the resort and to network.
- Seconded by Hilary Bright
- Opposed: None

16. District Events - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst, Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss

- a. Every district has \$250 to use for district events
- b. Districts combining funds is permitted and encouraged

17. Old Business - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. Attendance requirements for YLS
- b. By Laws permit remote participation
- c. New District spots are coming open for election

18. New Business - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. District 10 position needs filled
- b. Robin Cisco recommended David Fifer – she will contact him and see if he is interested

c. Young Lawyer of the Year

19. **Next Meeting** – Oglebay Resort – October 31st, 2020

20. **Announcements** –

- a. Regional Meetings likely not going to happen due to COVID-19
- b. If for some reason they do, attend the meeting in your region, if possible.

21. **Adjournment:**

ACTION TAKEN:

Joni Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Laci Browning

Meeting Adjourned - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst at 11:53