

**The West Virginia State Bar
Young Lawyer Section – Young Lawyer Board Meeting
Oglebay Resort (via telephone and in-person)
Wheeling, West Virginia
October 31, 2020**

MINUTES

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

Special Guests: Monica Haddad

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 9:08 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 and are the minutes from the last YLS Executive Committee Meeting, which was held on October 31, 2020 at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia, as provided by Secretary Ashton Bias.

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

4. **Reports of Officers**

a. Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- i. New District 10 Representative - David Pfeifer
- ii. Mock Trail volunteer needed

b. Chairperson Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss – Nothing to report

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. Recommendation to change the bylaws to vote rather than to “appoint” vacancies. The last bylaws change took years; however, this is already on its way to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.
- b. The board undertook waiver requests.
- c. There was an audit of the books. Everything looked fine. Some board members recommended changes re: credit card use. All the Young Lawyers expenses were fine.
- d. The BOG gives three scholarships. More details to come.
- e. Monica - Reminder to keep April 11 & 12th on your calendar for the Greenbrier

6. Report of WVU Law School Representative

- a. They have interviewed 15 candidates for the new Dean.
- b. Despite many changes due to COVID-19, everything going well.

7. Committee Reports and Old Business

a. Practice Handbook – Dane Henry

- i. Be watching your email for a pre-drafted letter to send out to potential authors
- ii. Dane will be sending out sections that need updated.

b. Upcoming Bridge the Gap – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- i. Final schedule of the program was sent out with the minutes and agenda.
- ii. Judge Scadar is back on the schedule - ADR presentation at 1:00
- iii. Eric will be doing a presentation on opening your own firm.
- iv. Review the schedule carefully.
- v. All attendees will be in one zoom meeting from morning until 12. Dane and Mike will be the hosts.

- vi. Zoom permits a “poll” which we will use twice during the day to get attendance.
- vii. Eric will be the moderator in the morning.
- viii. Members will be either a host or a moderator. You will need to log on during your scheduled time.
- ix. Oral review of the BTG schedule.
- x. No presenter has specified with they would want questions asked.
- xi. Zoom links will be used interchangeably. You will have to get off at 12:50 p.m. so people can log off each afternoon presentation.
- xii. Moderator will give 5 min warning.
- xiii. Nov. 9th at 12:00- Zoom training. This was sent to everyone via email.
- xiv. Cell phone numbers are on the schedule if something goes wrong.
- xv. The final information will go out to the participants the week of BTG.
- xvi. 3 years to complete BTG extension was granted.
- xvii. Nearing 100 people that have registered.

8. Looking ahead to the Greenbrier BTG – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- i. We need to confirm if we want to keep all the same topics/speakers
- ii. We will review the survey results from virtual BTG.
- iii. Everyone scheduled now still wants to do it in April.

9. Admissions Ceremonies – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst has been sending the information via email since there has been no in person ceremonies.

9. Lunchtime Series – Robert Zak

- a. Nothing to report with everything going on.
- b. Modify to have a zoom lunch CLE.

10. Bar Exam Lunches – Jessica Robey and Nicole Cofer

- a. The YLS provided Panera lunch boxes. The Charleston Civic Center cost was too high.

- b. YLS purchased 160 box lunches for the first day.
- c. We had 80 people the first day, so we only purchased 100 for the second day.
- d. We did not have as good of a turn out this year (likely due to COVID-19).
- e. Overall, it was a success and greatly appreciated by the law school and exam takers.
- f. All extra lunches were donated to Manna Meal.
- g. Will do again in February. The law school will likely not have it in their budget to assist us with the cost in February.

11. Community Outreach – Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss

- a. Special Projects/Public Service Committee
 - i. Christmas - Amazon Wishlist
 - 1. Mingo/Boone County Family - Robin & Kassie
 - 2. Angela Taylor Lauren - Jackson
 - 3. Hillary - Barbor Taylor or Tucker
 - 4. Jessica Robey & Ashton - Kanawha
 - 5. Laci - Cabell & Wayne
 - b. Teachers - spread super thin
 - i. Teachers are working extra hard. If you're not doing a Christmas project in the area, consider doing lunches for teachers.
 - ii. Discuss future project to assist teachers in January.

12. Technology Committee – Dane Henry

- a. Website has been updated with minutes.
- b. If you have anything to go on the website submit it to Dane

13. Budget Committee – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. Underbudget
- b. The only funds that have been used were spent on the Bar Exam Lunches from Panera.

14. JLAP – Robert Zak

- a. Planning to their annual retreat
- b. Organized for participants
- c. Provide fellowship and support volunteers
- d. Email he will send to us to share

15. Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. The meeting will be held at the Greenbrier since it was canceled this year due to COVID-19.
- b. The Bar will not pay for your room on Saturday.
- c. Discussion of Sunday Events and schedule – The YLS usually meets at 12 on Sundays, however, there has been some discussion of the members requesting to move the time at 9 to permit the attendee to enjoy the activities at the resort.
- d. Private bunker tour at ~2-3 for the state bar Saturday and Sunday (\$40 per person)
- e. Sunday afternoon brewery tour ~2-4
- f. Sunday at ~5-5:30 cocktail reception
- g. Banquet at 7 on Sunday evening
- h. Monday CLE - You must pay for the CLE credit
- i. Discussion of potential guest speakers:
 - i. Mark John Geragos - Represented Scott Peterson
 - ii. Fred Shower - from UVA - First Amendment Speaker
 - iii. Jason Thomas - Hacking - IT guru Speaker
 - iv. Rosko Howard - College Sports Speaker

16. District Events – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. Dane cosponsored South Branch Bar for Family Law CLE hosted by family law judges on behalf of YLS.
- b. Every district has \$250 to use for district events
- c. Districts combining funds is permitted and encouraged

17. Old Business – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst

- a. Duties and Responsibilities Agreement - Jordan, Rachel, Joni
- b. Attendance requirements for YLS

18. New Business – Chairperson Eric Hayhurst – None to report

19. Next Meeting – January 23rd, 2020 in Morgantown at the Waterfront

20. Announcements

- a. Regional Meetings off - one virtual meeting instead
- b. Ashton will send out Christmas donation letter

21. Adjournment

ACTION TAKEN:

Joni Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Taylor Coplin

Meeting Adjourned - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst at 11:53