

**The West Virginia State Bar  
Young Lawyer Section – Young Lawyer Board Meeting  
The Greenbrier  
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia  
April 11, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Chairperson Eric Hayhurst, Chair-Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss, Joni Nichols, Hilary Bright, Lauren Estep, Lindsey McIntosh, Secretary Ashton Bias Harrell, Rob Zak, Morgan Spolage, Nichole Greybell, Jessica Robey, Samantha Korenski, Jay Ford, Matt Bradford, Robin Cisco, Kassie Ball, Taylor Copeland, Laci Browning

**Special Guests:** Monica Haddad and Tom Scar

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chairperson Eric Hayhurst
2. **Ascertainment of Quorum** – Quorum was ascertained by Secretary Ashton Bias
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting and Special Meeting**– Enclosed under Tab 1 & 2 and are the minutes from the last YLS Executive Committee Meeting and the Special Meeting, which was held on October 31, 2020 at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia, and on February 3, 2021, as provided by Secretary Ashton Bias.

Motion to Approve YLS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Rob Zak /  
Seconded - Lindsey McIntosh

Motion to Approve Special Meeting Minutes - Rob Zak / Seconded – Joni Nichols

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

**4. Reports of Officers**

**a. Chairperson Eric Hayhurst**

ii. Farewell

iii. Upcoming Bridge the Gap Program Plans

1. We have to offer it twice a year
2. Summit Bechtel is coming up in July

- a. Discuss issues with postponing
- b. Another virtual would not encourage in person participation – set bad precedent – do not want to hold it virtually again
- c. Options: only hold one this year. Possibly hold it in July.
- d. Concerns/Discussion
  - i. Summit location – not central. Will Judges be available? Give notice as soon as possible.
  - ii. Joni – asked for extension and do it in November
  - iii. Lindsey – Concerned if everyone committed to speaking will still be available
  - iv. Move to have it in July if we can if not have officers decide
  - v. Lindsey Motion – Laci second – Opposed Joni

**b. Chairperson Elect Angela Brunicardi-Doss –**

- i. Thank you to Eric
- ii. Angela assuming her role as Chairperson

**c. Motion to purchase polos**

- i. Eric made a motion to have YLS purchase polos for the Board.
- ii. It was approved by consensus.

**d. Secretary Ashton Bias Harrell – Polos, will bring a sheet for everyone to order one at the next meeting**

**5. Update on Board of Governors Meeting – Chairperson Hayhurst**

**6. Committee Reports and Old Business**

- a. Practice Handbook – Angela

- b. Admission ceremonies – when things are normal again, we plan to start going again if asked

**9. Lunchtime Series – Robert Zak**

- a. Currently trying to get things getting started back up
- b. Hasn't been much since COVID

**10. Bar Exam Lunches – Jessica Robey and Jay Ford**

- a. The YLS provides Panera lunch boxes. The Charleston Civic Center cost is too high so this is good alternative
- b. New member to replace Nichole

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

- a. Special Projects/Public Service Committee
  - i. Lauren and Morgan Spolage
  - ii. Lauren will send out an email to the Board

**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
- c. Lindsey is volunteered to do the social media for the YLS

**13. Budget Committee – Samantha Korenski**

- a. Dues are likely going to rise
- b. Budget is currently spread thin
- c. Increasing Dues \$250 to \$425 if practicing 3 years and up
- d. Incoming secretary will sit on the budget committee of the state bar
- e. Lindsey McIntosh volunteered

**14. JLAP – Robert Zak**

- a. Stonewall annual retreat canceled
- b. Push to help more with mental health with law students
- c. COVID has created a lot more mental health issues

- d. Upcoming meeting at Stonewall May 14<sup>th</sup>

**15. District Events – Angela**

- a. Funds available
- b. Encouraged districts to use your funds
- a. Duties and Responsibilities Agreement
- b. Attendance requirements for YLS - when Kathy sends out message – you HAVE to respond.
- c. If you have more than one unexcused absence from a meeting the bar will not pay for you to come to the annual meeting

**16. Next Meeting – Summit Bechtel Reserve July 23**

**17. Announcements**

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

**18. Adjournment**

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Joni Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting  
Seconded by Taylor Coplin

***Meeting Adjourned - Chairperson Eric Hayhurst at 11:53***