

**The West Virginia State Bar**  
**Young Lawyer Section – Young Lawyer Board Meeting**

**The Bechtel Summit Reserve @ The J.W. Marriott Jr. Leadership Center**  
**Glen Jean, West Virginia**  
**July 23, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Immediate past Chairperson Eric Hayhurst, Chair-Elect Ashton Bias-Harrell, Hilary Bright, Bryan Church, Lauren Estep, Secretary Lindsey McIntosh, Morgan Spolarich, Samantha Korenski, Jay Ford, Matt Bradford, Robin Cisco, Kassie Ball, Taylor Copeland, Laci Browning

**Special Guests:** Tom Scarr, Anita Casey, Aaron Boone, Ben Mischoe, Shannon Smith

1. **Call to Order** – Chair-Elect Bias-Harrell called the meeting to order at 9AM
2. **Ascertainment of Quorum** – Chair-Elect Lindsey McIntosh ascertained quorum.
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2020 Quarterly Meeting**  
Enclosed under Tab No. 1 are the minutes from the Young Lawyer Board Quarterly Meeting, which was held on April 11, 2021 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, as provided by Former Secretary Bias-Harrell.

ACTION TAKEN: The minutes were approved the minutes with corrections. Changes were made and minutes were approved. Hilary Bright / Seconded - Samantha Korenski.

4. **ICE BREAKER**

5. **Reports of Officers:**

**A. Chair-Elect Harrell**

- Bridge the Gap, Board of Governors. To be covered in the rest of the agenda. Logo was approved at BOG meeting.

**B. Secretary McIntosh**

- Work with the WVU college of law to do some 2/3L meet and greets.

**C. Immediate Past Chairperson Hayhurst** – No report

6. **Update on Board of Governors' Meeting** – Chair-Elect Bias-Harrell

- Reminder that a mandatory Bar is constitutionally protected and on the Keller notice.
- Executive Director search – Anita's last day is June 30, 2022. There is a search under way.

- Anita had two interns that have been busy and did a presentation on insurance with PLLCs. They also worked on adding lawyers who have passed back into the system.
- Updating contracts for the State Bar.
- Discussion on IOLTA – Shannon spoke as the Chair of the IOLTA accounts. Issues with Grantees getting funded and how funds are getting distributed.
- Regional Meeting – we must attend to help set up, greet, and register
  - Locations and Dates:
    - Wheeling (Wheeling Country Club on 9-09-21 @ 2pm) – Jordan
    - Parkersburg (The Blennerhasset on 9-14-21 @ 10am) - Lauren and Taylor
    - Huntington (The Pedler-Vandalia on 9-17-21 @ 10am) – Laci and Lindsey
    - Charleston (Embassy Suites on 9-23-21 @ 10am) – Ashton, Jess Robey, Morgan, Lindsey
    - Chapmanville (Giovanni’s on 9-30-21 @ 10am) – Cassie
    - Beckley (Tamarack on 10-1-21 @ 10am)– Morgan and Lindsey
    - Bridgeport (Bridgeport Country Club on 10-15-21 @ 9am) – Samantha
    - Morgantown (Waterfront Hotel on 10-15-21 @ 2pm)– Rob, Hillary
    - Shepards town (Bavarian Inn on 10-28-21 @ 10 am) – Dane
    - Moorefield (South Branch Inn on 10-29-21 @ 10 am) – Dane
- Meeting in September – Huntington, meeting at the Huntington Museum of Art. Cocktail hour at Vandalia or the Peddler. Dinner at the Fredrick. Stay at the Delta Hotel.
- Updated cell phone list.

## **7. Report of WVU Law School Representative – Ms. Ridgeway – not present**

Classes start on August 17, 2021. Tom Scarr updated us on a few things. Law Review Article books that are possibly owned by the State Bar. The law school is concerned about CLEs that the State Bar is putting on as it taking money from them. The law students are excited to get students back and start normally.

## **8. Committee Reports and Old Business**

### **A. Young Lawyer Education and Mentoring**

#### 1. Practice Handbook – Mr. Laird – not present

- Send the updates to Dane.
- We are pitching this practice handbook to young lawyers at the Bridge the Gap meetings so we need to make sure it is updated.

#### 2. Bridge the Gap – wrap-up and discussion

- 26 attendees

3. Fall 2021 Program Date and Location: November 5, 2021 at Bridgeport Conference Center, Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Thoughts about topics for the next BTG?

- We did not do any break-out sessions and that seemed to work but we need to talk about whether to add them back for the Bridgeport BTG. Need to consider the space.
- Adding a state bar presentation
- What can we do for the presenters? Bring cards to the next meeting, make a donation in their honor, paperweight with our logo.
- Panel – Ashton won't be her in November – Dane can do it
- Hillary and Eric – opening your own practice presentation
- Point Person in November – Samantha Koreski. No one volunteered for the Point Person mentee of the April 2022 Bridge the Gap.

4. Admissions Ceremonies – Secretary McIntosh

- Need to get a schedule. Sending letter to the new admittees and telling them about BTG.

## **B. Law Student Education and Mentoring**

1. Lunchtime Lecture Series – Mr. Zak

- Need to decide if anyone else wants to help with this?

3. Bar Exam Box Lunches –and Ms. Robey

- Offering Chic-Fil-A meals. Jessica will be handing out lunches. Mr. Ford confirmed 100 lunches for about \$1339. Delivering to the Holiday Inn around 11:45am on July 27-28.

July Exam: July 27-28, 2021 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center

## **C. Community Outreach**

1. Special Projects/Public Service Committee - Lauren Estep and Morgan Spolarich

Formula/Wipes Drive – Lauren will send out email to the Board so the Board can send to their Districts.

Habitat for Humanity – Chair-Elect Bias spoke about Habitat for Humanity. Going to wait to a WV site and check for a Charleston site.

Holiday and Christmas Project – Lauren will prepare a pitch for the September meeting.

## **D. YLS Technology Committee – Secretary McIntosh and Mr. Henry**

1. YLS Website – the website has new pictures, check the website to make sure that info is correct.
2. Social Media – Twitter and Facebook are being posted to

**E. Budget Committee** – Ms. Koreski and Secretary McIntosh – fiscal year just started. Meeting in November or December.

**F. JLAP Liaison** – Mr. Zak (not present)

**G. District Events for the Current Year** – District Representatives

- District 1 - Jordan (not present)
- District 2 - Rachel Cornell (not present)
- District 3 - Taylor wants to do another Habitat Event, but the only sites available are in October.
- District 4 - Lauren wants to link up with the BOG District rep and plan a happy hour drive for Christmas drive.
- District 5 - Laci is going to coordinate a Happy hour in conjunction with meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- District 6 – Working with District 7
- District 7 - Planning to join with District 6. Maybe a happy hour drive.
- District 8 - Thinking about ideas. Young lawyers happy hour where you bring diapers and formula. Lindsey, Ashton, Nick helping. Maybe Bar 101
- District 9 – Morgan wants to plan an event in her district
- District 10 - David (not present)
- District 11 - Nicole (not present)
- District 12 - Thinking about ideas, location is difficult. Thinking about an event in Elkins.
- District 13 - Bridge the Gap reception for Bridgeport
- District 14 - Rob (not present)
- District 15 - Hilary – Lunch and Learns with Judge Shaffer and working to get CLE approval.
- District 16 - Dane - Planning to reach out to a young lawyer to plan an event.
- AA – only 40 young black lawyers, working with Kanawha as most of them are in or around Charleston.

**H. Other Old Business** – everyone getting a link for the polos.

Additional upcoming meetings:

- September 25, 2021 – Huntington, WV; Location TBD
- January 22, 2022 – Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV
- April 10-11, 2022 – Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV (Annual Meeting/Bridge the Gap)

Announcements

Laci is going to draft a recap email for the District reps.

## **9. Adjournment**

### ACTION TAKEN:

Lauren Estep moved to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Laci Browning

*Meeting Adjourned – Chairperson Ashton Bias-Harrell at 11:32*