

**The West Virginia State Bar
Young Lawyer Section - Young Lawyer Board Meeting
Pipestem Resort State Park
Pipestem, West Virginia
October 22, 2022**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson-Elect McIntosh
 - **Meeting started – 9:03am**
2. **Ascertainment of Quorum** – Secretary Coplin
 - **Attendance:** Mcintosh, Coplin, Isner, Browning, Cisco, Ball, Ford, Spolarich, Pfeifer, Graybeal, Thomas, Moore, Gordon, Thaxton
 - **Guests:** Mary Jane Pickens, Ben Mishoe, Shannon Smith
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes from July 30, 2022, Quarterly Meeting**

Secretary Coplin electronically disseminated the minutes from the last YLS Executive Committee Meeting, which was held on July 30, 2022, at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Young Lawyer Board will be asked to approve the minutes with any changes or corrections. David Pfeifer, moved; and Mitch Moore, seconded.

4. Reports of Officers:

- A. Chairperson Bias-Harrell- Absent
 1. Chairperson Bias-Harrell was not present for the meeting but prior to the meeting sent an electronic report to be shared.
 - i. The BOG / YLS joint service project to raise awareness and funds for Mission West Virginia' Emergency Fund, which seeks to normalize experiences for West Virginia youth in foster and kinship care, while lessening stress and promoting self-esteem, went extremely well. At the time of the report over \$18,000 had be raised for Mission WV.
- B. Chairperson-Elect McIntosh
 1. Chairperson-Elect McIntosh circulated the Practice Handbook topics via email to the board for review. Each member should review sections and determine if they have any contacts that could assist with updates by next meeting.
- C. Secretary Coplin
 1. Bridge the Gap Updates – see below.

2. Introduction of Mary Jane Pickens

5. Update on Board of Governors' Meeting- Secretary Coplin

- Board of Governors approved the addition of an Abuse and Neglect Committee.
- Mary Jane and BOG members met with the Supreme Court on the proposed budget and several proposed rule changes. No approval of the budget or action on the proposals has been made yet by the Supreme Court.

7. Report of WVU Law School Representative

- Mackenzie Thaxton is the new WVU Law Representative.
- Good start to the new year. The Law school has made some changes to the core 1L class included changes to how Civil Procedure is offered. In addition, there has been a large focus on student mental health.

8. Committee Reports and Old Business

A. Young Lawyer Education and Mentoring

1. Practice Handbook – Mr. Laird

- i. See above in Chairperson-Elect McIntosh report.
 - Mr. Pfeifer will now assist Mr. Laird in running this committee.

2. Bridge the Gap –Ms. Robey and Secretary Coplin

- i. We held our Fall BTG at the Bridgeport conference center this past Monday. Went well. Day went very smoothly, we had around 60 participants. For the past few times we have offered the program we have had most of the same speakers – we sent out a survey – starting to get responses on how can improve the program for future BTGs. Historically the program has been focused on new attorneys to practice – but it seems especially with the surroundings states being UBE we are seeing more attendants WV is their secondary license. Overall, so far mixed reviews.

- ii. We need to look at updating our agenda – we have used the same one now for multiple years with little changes.

iii. Potential Rule change:

- Should we have a waiver for those that have their principal place of business in another state so they can attend electronically.
- Chairperson-Elect McIntosh will review rule and draft a proposed rule change for next meeting. Anyone with suggestions please sent them via email to Chairperson-Elect McIntosh.

iv. Next BTG –

- Next BTG will be on March 27th at the Greenbrier – it is the same day as the annual meeting CLE.

- We need members of the board to be present to assist day of.
- Changes to program:
 - a. Addition of others to panel.
 - i. Ms. Spolarich volunteered to be on the panel.
 - b. More practical presentations
 - i. E-filing – Mr. Moore volunteered.

3. Upcoming Admissions Ceremonies

B. Law Student Education and Mentoring

- 1. Lunchtime Lecture Series – Mr. Moore**
 - i. Mr. Moore and Ms. Thaxton have organized the next lecture for November 3rd on property law.
- 2. Bar Exam Box Lunches – Ms. Robey**
 - i. No update.

C. Community Outreach

- 1. Special Projects/Public Service Committee –Ms. Spolarich and Mr. Gordon**
- 2. 2022 Holiday Project**
 - i. Liam’s Place
 - Chairperson Bias-Harrell and Mr. Ford will help organize and work with Liam’s Place.
 - ii. District Events
 - In addition, members can plan holiday events for their own districts.
 - If you need to purchase district events, you can use the help of Brittany McClung.
 - Please come to next meeting reporting district events.
- 3. WV Carry-on Campaign**
 - i. See above report.
- 4. Professional Clothing Donation**
 - i. **During the April meeting we allocated money for law students needing professional attire. For a portion of that money the board worked out a collaboration with Daniels in Morgantown. For three male students Daniels would do a \$500 dollar suit deal. The remainder of the money would be awarded to female students in the form of gifts cards. The law school did not approve of this plan. They thought it was not equitable.**
 - ii. **New proposal – split the \$3,000 evenly into 6 clothing “scholarships.” Three of which would be used for the Daniel’s deals. Any student in need, regardless of gender identity, can**

apply for any of the 6 scholarships. Mr. Isner moved to approve the new proposal; Mrs. Browning seconded. New Proposal was approved.

D. YLS Technology Committee – Chairperson-Elect McIntosh

1. YLS Website

2. Social Media

E. Budget Committee – Ms. Thomas

F. JLAP Liaison – Ms. Ball

- 1. Their regional meeting went well. They are in need of additional money for evaluations and inpatient treatment.**

G. District Events for the Current Year – District Representatives

H. Other Old Business

1. Regional Meetings

a. Reports

- i. Ms. Ball – went well – good turnout for her area around 25 people, BOG representative, and around 3 young attorneys attend.**
- ii. Mr. Ford–went well no young lawyers**
- iii. Ms. Thomas- attorneys in the area didn't really know what the meeting was for- maybe a different location would get better turn out.**
- iv. Mr. Moore went to Bridgeport – women in the profession did a golf tournament- they raised around \$17,000. Was very well attended.**

2. Vacancies that need to be filled

- District 4 – (Clay, Jackson, Mason, Putnam, & Roane)**
- District 12 – (Braxton, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur, & Webster)**
- District 15 – (Barbour, Preston, Taylor, & Tucker)**
- District 16 – (Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, & Morgan)**

3. Attendance requirements

4. Duties and Responsibilities

9. Next Executive Committee Meeting: Save the dates!

January 20th/21st -Blennerhassett

March 26th/27th- Greenbrier

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment Mr. Pfeifer made motion to adjourn, Mr. Isner seconded. Adjourned at 10:50