



# West Virginia State Bar

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## Young Lawyer Section

**The West Virginia State Bar  
Young Lawyer Section - Young Lawyer Board Meeting  
Bavarian Inn  
Shepherdstown, WV.  
January 11, 2025**

### **Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order – Chair Coplin.**
  - **Meeting started:** 9:05am
- 2. Ascertainment of Quorum – Secretary John Isner**
  - Attendance:
    - *Executive Board Present:* Chair Coplin, Chair-Elect Gordon; Secretary Isner
    - *Committee present:* McIntosh, Herrmann, Elliott, Mills, Pecora, Kidd, West, Urban, Wessels, Robinson, Thomas, Moore, Camardi, Stenger
    - *Guests Present:* Shannon Smith, Mary Jane Pickens, Kenadee Murphy
- 3. Review/Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting (Morgantown)**
  - The Executive Board electronically disseminated the minutes from the last YLB Meeting, which was held on November 2, 2024, at the Adventures on the Gorge in Lansing, West Virginia, as provided by Chair Coplin.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Moore, West (first/second). Board approved minutes

- 4. Reports of Officers:**
  - a) Chairperson Coplin - Proposed Rule and Bylaw Changes:** Update on proposed amendment to Bylaw 3.04 and Rule 14, and recommendations of Bylaws Committee on proposed amendments to remainder of bylaws and rules from original filings in 2020 and 2021.
  - b) Chair-Elect Gordon**
    - No New Report.
  - c) Secretary Isner**
    - No New Report.
- 5. Report on Board of Governors Meeting - Chair Coplin**

a) Magazine

- Mary Jane Always looking for scholar articles.

b) Law School update date:

- Staff retirements/shifts of positions.
- One is Professor Lofaso leaving for other university
- Addition of Shannon Smith as a professor

c) Nomination forms went out for elections – 9, 10, 11, 12 and African American

d) Keller Deduction

- Approved to increase to \$3.21

e) Angela Doss selected for to chair revamped criminal law committee

**6. Report of WVU Law School Representative –Kaden Stenger**

Mentorship classes start - we could do a new career closet profession clothing drive in the future.

**7. Committee Reports and Old Business Part II**

a) **Young Lawyer Education and Mentoring**

- **Bridge the Gap** – Chair-Elect Gordon
  - Bridge the Gap took place 10.4.24. All members are expected to volunteer at the next Bridge the Gap at the Greenbrier.
  - Volunteers for BTG in general: All members.
- Practice Handbook
  - Mr. Moore and Chair Coplin to work on next steps for getting sections reviewed.
- Upcoming and Recent Admission Ceremonies –
  - Chair Coplin attended October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

b) **YLS Technology Committee** – Secretary John Isner

- Website has been updated, some photos missing.
- Holiday Project Reports
  - District 8 - Ms. Blair Wessels and Alex. Urban - heart and hand - we raised funds. \$500 dollars and people brought socks and ha
  - District 3 – Chair Coplin, Secretary Isner, Mr. Williams
  - District 11 – Ms. Graybeal Campbell

c) **Upcoming District Events or Plans**– District Representatives

d) **Community Outreach** –

- Victoria and Sophia are working to plan a project.

e) **Budget Committee - Chair-Elect Coplin**

- Prior to spending funds work with Chair Coplin and Sarah Hall on getting preapproval for funds, and potential for Bar to front expenses rather than reimbursement.
- Event planning form – should be used.

f) **JLAP Liaison – Secretary Isner – No New Report**

## **8. New Business:**

### **a. Regional Meeting Reports:**

- November 7, 2024 - Parkersburg - The Blennerhassett – John and Taylor attended
- November 8, 2024 - Wheeling - Oglebay Resort – Katie attended

### **b. Annual Meeting:**

- Appointed West, Moore, Gordon, Coplin, and Wessels as Selection Committee for Annual Meeting Awards – Young Lawyer and Mentor of the Year.

### **c. Law Day 2025**

- "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One"
- Contact: Jami Cooper

## **9. Next Executive Committee Meetings and Bridge the Gap: Save the dates!**

- Spring 2025: the Greenbrier. (Will be a Thursday and Friday this year).

## **10. Announcements:**

- Bonnie will do overview email and send out to the board.

## **11. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.
- First: Isner
- Second: Moore