



# West Virginia State Bar

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## Young Lawyer Section

**Young Lawyer Board Meeting**  
**The West Virginia State Bar**  
**Young Lawyer Section - Young Lawyer Board Meeting**  
**Adventures on the Gorge**  
**November 2, 2024**

### **Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – Chair-Elect Gordon.
  - **Meeting started:** 9:04am
2. **Ascertainment of Quorum** – Secretary John Isner
  - Attendance:
    - i. *Executive Board Present:* Chair-Elect Gordon; Secretary Isner
    - ii. *Committee present:* McIntosh, Mills, Pecora, Williams, Kidd, West, Urban, Spolarich, Graybeal, Mallow, Robinson, Trombley, Camardi, Stenger
    - iii. *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 in Morgantown, WV.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** West, Mallow (first/second). Board approved minutes; motion to amend minutes to add Camardi and Trombley as present.

Before moving into agenda; Discussion of Next Gen Bar – Ashton Bias

- a) WV will be switching to the Next Gen Bar. WV Bar is excited for transition.

4. **Committee Reports and Old Business**

5. **Reports of Officers:**

- a) **Chairperson Coplin - Absent**

- b) **Chair-Elect Gordon**

- i. Update on Bridge the Gap and discussion of Mongolian Prosecutors visit to the WV Bar.
- ii. Gordon gave an update on Officers retreat. Discussed changes to FOIA rules within the State bar. The Bar will now only approve funds for events that are pre-approved.

**c) Secretary Isner**

- i. No New Report.

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

- a) Students are worried but believe in the Dean. WVU students want to have a relationship with this Board and want to get to know young attorneys. Shannon Smith discussed WVU trying to fill positions. Motion to extend invite from Young Lawyer Board to the Dean of WVU to attend our meeting. Mallow, Trombley move. Approved.

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

**a) Young Lawyer Education and Mentoring**

- i. **Bridge the Gap** – Chair-Elect Gordon

- 1. Bridge the Gap took place 10.4.24. All members are expected to volunteer at the next Bridge the Gap at the Greenbrier.

- ii. Volunteers for BTG in general: All members.

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

- i. Website has been updated, some photos missing.

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

**d) Community Outreach** –

- i. Victoria and Sophia are working to plan a project in connection with CASA, potentially Children First. Eastern Panhandle CASA has been contacted as well.

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

- i. Gordon/Shannon Smith gave update on the BOG meeting. Gordon/Isner attended the BOG meeting.
- ii. Smith discussed the transaction fee potential change. Annual Audit was a success. A couple recommendations but otherwise the report looked good. The Bar needs 60k in sponsors for the Annual Meeting but currently only has 7k.
- iii. **JLAP Liaison** – **Secretary Isner** – No New Report

**8. New Business:**

- a) Pecora updated us on Counsel Connect. Connected with Pre-law at Marshall. Had a large event in Charleston with over 90 people in attendance.
- b) Discussion on Rural Practice Committee – Mary Jane and Shannon invited young attorneys to join.

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

- Jan 10-11: BOG and YLB meetings – Bavarian Inn – Shepherdstown, WV
- Spring 2025: the Greenbrier. (Will be a Thursday and Friday this year).

**10. Announcements:**

- The WV Bar has hired a new CLE Coordinator.
- Bar is asking YLB to send in info regarding the “Get to know.”
- The WV Bar awarded a fellowship and 20 stipends to law students.
- Regional Meetings: District Representatives should attend their local meeting and report on their attendance at the November 2, 2024, meeting.
  - September 6, 2024 - Morgantown - WVU College of Law
  - September 12, 2024 – Charleston – Hale Street Center
  - September 13, 2024 - Chapmanville - Giovanni's
  - September 20, 2024 - Huntington – Vandalia Crowd House
  - September 27, 2024 - Fayetteville - The Gaines Estate
  - October 10, 2024 - Shepherdstown - Bavarian Inn
  - October 11, 2024 - Moorefield - South Branch Inn
  - October 18, 2024 - Bridgeport – Bridgeport Country Club
  - November 7, 2024 - Parkersburg - The Blennerhassett
  - November 8, 2024 - Wheeling - Oglebay Resort
  - Hannah West will do overview of meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

- a) Meeting adjourned at 10:53am.
- b) First: West
- c) Second: Mallow