

**The West Virginia State Bar  
Young Lawyer Section - Young Lawyer Board Meeting  
Twin Falls State Park  
Mullens, West Virginia  
October 14, 2023**

**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairperson Lindsey McIntosh
  - **Meeting started:** 9:07 am
- 2. Ascertainment of Quorum** – Chairperson McIntosh
  - Attendance:
    - i. Executive Board present: Chairperson McIntosh
    - ii. Committee present: Sophia Mills (4); Julian Pecora (5); Kassie Ball (7); Jessica Robey (8); Morgan Spolarich (9); David Pfeifer (10); Nicole Graybeal (11); Les Mallow (12); MacKenzie Thaxton (WVU rep); Isaiah Robinson (African American Rep)
    - iii. Guests: Mary Jane Pickens, Shannon Smith
    - iv. Absent: Chair-Elect Taylor Coplin; Secretary Nick Gordon; Immediate Past Chairperson Ashton Bias; Katie Herrmann (1); Kyle Elliott (2); John Isner (3); Robin Cisco (6); Jay Ford (8); Bonnie Thomas (13); Mitch Moore (14); Victoria Camardi (16)
    - v. Vacant at start of meeting: District 15
- 3. Review/Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2023, Quarterly Meeting (Stonewall Resort)**
  - The Executive Board electronically disseminated the minutes from the last YLB Executive Committee Meeting, which was held at Stonewall Resort on July 15, 2023, Roanoke, West Virginia.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** The Young Lawyer Board approved the minutes without any changes or corrections.

  - Moved: David Pfifer
  - Seconded: Morgan
- 4. Introduction of Newly Elected Board Members:**
  - Chairperson McIntosh introduced the following newly elected YLB members and passed out new binders to said members:
    - District 12 – Les Mallow, Esq.
    - African American Rep – Isaiah Robinson, Esq.
    - McIntosh announced Victoria Camardi, Esq. (16) who was unable to attend.
- 5. Regional Meeting Update:**
  - Kassie – Chapmanville

- Les – Moorefield
- Julian – Huntington

## **6. Reports of Officers:**

### **○ Chairperson McIntosh**

- i. Review of Binders and Responsibilities
- ii. Chairperson McIntosh reminded committee members of duties and responsibilities, including fulfilling district goals
- iii. Chairperson McIntosh gave an updated from the BOG meeting from prior day:
- iv. Chairperson McIntosh addressed the current vacancies on the YLB. District 15 only vacant spot.

### **○ BOD President-Elect Shannon Smith**

- i. Discussion over service project to support WVU Cancer Institute
- ii. Motion to do clothing drive as holiday project and WVU Cancer Patient Support
  - 1. Morgan moves
  - 2. Nicole seconds
  - 3. Resolution passes

### **○ Bar President Mary Jane Pickens**

- i. Discussing upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting with BOG President Chris Frost

## **7. Report of WVU Law School Representative – MacKenzie Thaxton**

- Mr. Moore and Ms. Thaxton will have a Lunch and Learn in 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2023-24 school year
- School still accepting clothing for law school closet; very popular amongst students

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

### **○ Young Lawyer Education and Mentoring**

- i. Bridge the Gap – Secretary Coplin
  - 1. Bridge the Gap will take place, 10.27.2023. Sophia Mills (individual private practice), John Isner (public defender), Ashton Bias (mother), Bonnie Thomas (big firm), Taylor Coplin (in-house counsel) each volunteered to be on YLB Panel Discussion. Nick Gordon volunteered to moderate event.
  - 2. Mitch Moore will be presenting again on E-File vs. Old Fashion filing
  - 3. Confirmed: Judge Aloï, Judge Aboulhosn.
  - 4. Probable: Rachel Cipoletti, Mary Jane Pickens, Judge Reeder, Judge Tabit
- ii. Upcoming Admissions Ceremonies – Ashton Bias

- a. Next one: October 18, 2023
- **Law Student Education and Mentoring**
  - i. Lunchtime Lecture Series – Mr. Moore
    - a. See WVU Law School Representative report above.
- **Community Outreach**
  - i. 2023 Holiday Project – see above
- **YLS Technology Committee** – website has been updated. New YLB members need to headshots for website.
- **JLAP Liaison** – Ms. Ball – will get a donation button on the JLAP website. Will be a women’s wellness event in February in Roanoke VA. COL is considering putting together a student wellness board. JLAP board is considering more scholarships and JLAP might also be added to list of entities to receive opioid litigation proceeds. Discuss difference between wellness generally and concept of a wellness coordinator and JLAP, which is more of a clinical resource entity.
- **Upcoming District Events or Plans**– District Representatives

## **9. New Business:**

- Julian Pecora – updated on great work with Counsel Connections
- Morgan Spolarich – dancing with the start; raised over \$82k herself and \$200k overall for UnitedWay.

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

- January 26-27, 2024 – YLS Board Meetings – Canaan Valley – Davis, WV
- April 7, 2024 – Board of Governors and Young Lawyer Board Meetings – Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV
- April 7-8, 2024 – State Bar Annual Meeting – Embassy Suites – Charleston, WV

## **11. Announcements:**

- Working on gathering point for next YLB Meeting at Twin Falls State Park
- **Regional Meetings:**
  - Nov. 3 - Bridgeport - Bridgeport Country Club
  - Nov. 8 - Parkersburg - The Blennerhassett
  - Nov. 9 - Wheeling - Wheeling Country Club

## **12. Adjournment**

- Fall meeting adjourned at 10:48am.