

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

Members Participating: Doyle, Edmunds, Finerty, Franchina, Gorgos, Gutekunst, James, Miranda, Moy, Myers, Romero, Safer, Wallach, and Young.

Guest: Bernice K. Leber.

Mr. Doyle presided as President of the Association.

1. Consultation with Nominating Committee. Bernice K. Leber, chair of the Nominating Committee, requested a consultation with the Executive Committee, as required by the Association Bylaws, with respect to the nomination of the NYSBA delegates to the ABA House of Delegates. She reported that four candidates have applied for re-nomination: A. Vincent Buzard, Vincent E. Doyle III, Michael E. Getnick, and Kathryn Grant Madigan. The fifth incumbent withdrew his candidacy to enable this seat to be filled by the President-Elect designee selected in November. In addition, there are three candidates for Young Lawyer Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates: Michael L. Fox (incumbent), Stevie Michelle Cline, and Nathan A. Sheffield. After discussion, a motion was adopted to support the re-nomination of Messrs. Buzard, Doyle, Getnick and Ms. Madigan and the nomination of the person selected to be President-Elect designee. A second motion was adopted to support the re-nomination of Mr. Fox as Young Lawyer Delegate. Mr. Doyle abstained from participating in the discussion and vote.
2. Confirmation of Audit Committee appointment. Mr. Doyle reported that due to the passing of member Richard P. Wallace, there is a vacancy on the audit committee and that he is appointing Christine Woodcock Dettor of Syracuse to fill the vacancy. As required by the Bylaws, he requested the Executive Committee's confirmation of this appointment (which also requires ratification by the House of Delegates). After discussion, a motion was adopted to confirm the appointment of Ms. Dettor.
3. November 2011 Executive Committee and House of Delegates meetings. Mr. Doyle reviewed several items to be considered by the Executive Committee and House of Delegates at the upcoming meetings, including a proposed resolution to honor outgoing Chief Administrative Judge Ann T. Pfau; a report from the Committee on Children and the Law; a report from the Committee on Court Structure and Operations; consideration of the 2012 legislative priorities; and a report from the Criminal Justice Section. In particular, he urged the members to review the report and recommendations of the Special Committee on Strategic Planning. The report was received with thanks.
4. Report re state court funding. Mr. Doyle and Ms. Finerty updated the Executive Committee with respect to the project to compile information from each judicial district regarding the impact of budget cuts on the state court system. Ms. Finerty reminded the members that these reports are due November 15. The report was received with thanks.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David P. Miranda
Secretary