

**The New York Bar Foundation  
Annual Meeting**

**MINUTES  
January 26, 2018  
New York City**

**PRESENT:** Aaron; Abramson; Alcott; Alomar; Alvarez; Barclay; Barreiro; Bennett; Berman; Billings; Block; Bloom; Bowler; Braunstein; Brown Spitzmueller; Brown, T.A; Bruno; Buholtz; Burke, J.; Burns; Castellano; Chambers; Chandrasekhar; Chang, V.; Christensen; Christopher; Cilenti; Clarke; Cohen, C.; Cohen, D.; Cohen, O.; Cohn; Connery; Davis; Denton; DiFalco; Disare; Doxey; Eberle; Edgar; Effman; Fennell; Fernandez; Ferris; Finerty; First; Fishberg; Foley; Fox; Freedman; Frumkin; Gaddis; Gallagher; Galligan; Genoa; Gensini; Gerbini; Gerstman; Gische; Gold; Goldfarb; Goldschmidt; Grays; Greenberg; Griesemer; Grimaldi; Grogan; Gutekunst; Gutenberger Grossman; Gutierrez; Hack; Haig; Heath; Heller; Hetherington; Himes; Hoffman; Hollyer; Hyer; Jackson; Jaglom; James; Jochmans; Kamins; Karson; Kase; Kean; Kelly; Kiernan; Kiesel; King, B.; Kobak; Koch; Krausz; Lamberti; Lanouette; LaRose; Lau-Kee; Lawrence; Leber; Lessard; Levin Wallach; Levin; Levy; Madden; Madigan; Mancuso; Mandell; Margolin; Mariano; Marinaccio; Maroney; Martin; May; McCann; McGinn; McNamara, C.; McNamara, M.; Meisenheimer; Miller, C.; Miller, M.; Millett; Millon; Minkoff; Miranda; Moretti; Moskowitz; Murphy; Napoletano; Nowotarski; Onderdonk; Ostertag; Owens; Pappalardo; Perlman; Pitegoff; Poster-Zimmerman; Prager; Pruzansky; Quartaro; Richardson; Richman; Richter; Rivera; Rodriguez; Rosner; Russell; Ryan; Safer; Samuels; Santiago; Schofield; Scott; Schraver; Schriever; Schub; Sciocchetti; Shamoan; Sharkey; Shautsova; Sigmond; Silkenat; Singer, C.; Singer, D.; Sonberg; Spicer; Sppirer; Spitler; Standard; Starkman; Steinhardt; Stieglitz; Stong; Strenger; Sullivan; Sweet; Tarver; Tennant; Tesser; Triebwasser; Tully; Udell; Vigdor; Vitacco; Weathers; Weiss; Weston; Whiting; Whittingham; Wicks; Wildgrube; Williams; Wolff; Young; Younger.

President John H. Gross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of minutes:** On a motion duly made and carried, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of The New York Bar Foundation on January 27, 2017 were approved.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, committee chair David M. Schraver placed in nomination the following slate of nominees presented by the Committee for the position of Director for terms commencing June 1, 2018 for term ending May 31, 2021:

- Gioia Gensini, Syracuse
- Ellen Makofsky, Garden City

A motion was adopted electing said Directors.

**Report of officers:** John H. Gross, President presented the 2017 Annual Report of The New York Bar Foundation, copies of which were distributed. The Annual Report sets forth in detail the operations and activities of the Foundation during 2017. Mr. Gross highlighted the growth of the Foundation over the past three years including:

1. The number of grants and the amount distributed has increased significantly. The Foundation anticipates awarding over 100 grants to organizations this year.
2. Revenue has increased over the last three years by \$300,000 due to the generosity of New York Lawyers.
3. The Foundation awarded 77 scholarships three years ago which has now grown to more than 200. This is due in large part to the administration of the Catalyst Fellowship program.
4. The Business Law, Family Law and General Practice sections of the New York State Bar Association have established new restricted funds to provide grants that are parallel with their missions.
5. Several new initiatives have been implemented including the development of the Young Lawyer Friends of the Foundation giving group, the annual 24-hour veteran's campaign, the annual meeting week campaign, and disaster relief efforts.
6. The Foundation has been recognized for governance and philanthropic efforts.
7. The Foundation has begun to receive grants as well, including one from Casey Family Programs.

**Ratification and confirmation of actions of the Board:** A motion was adopted ratifying, confirming and approving the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Gross closed his report by showing a brief video and reminding attendees that the Foundation is holding their annual meeting week appeal.