

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Anna Fiscella
Betsy McGeever
Brionna Denby
Christine Chappellear
Elizabeth Soucek
Gillian Andrews
Gwendolyn Gustavson
Jennifer Ying
Jessica Needles
Judy Jones
Kristen Swift
Laura Braunsberg
Lilianna Townsend
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Mary McDonough
Molly Shaw
Nick Beard
Periann Doko
Shae Woodburn
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray
Tara Bustard

I. Welcome

A. Ms. Murray welcomed the group to the new programming year and provided an update that the group is working to update its page on the DSBA website.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 2023 Meeting

A. Ms. Murray moved to approve the minutes from the May 2023 meeting; Ms. Fiscella seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Programming & Wellness:

• Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella

- Planning to have a welcome back happy hour on Thursday, October 5, from 6 to 8pm on the outdoor patio space of Banks' Seafood Kitchen in Wilmington.
- Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.
- Ms. Murray and Ms. Humiston to circulate invitations to the group.

B. Awards:

• Chair, Andrea Brooks (covered by Anna Fiscella)

- Seeking nominations for the Women in Leadership Award in conjunction with the Young Lawyers' Section.
- The Women in Leadership award is for a member whose character, strength, personality, achievement and activities in matters affecting women lawyers have served as an inspiration to and a model for women lawyers in their professional careers.
- Please submit nominations to Ms. Brooks at abrooks@wilks.law by September 20, 2023.

C. Legislation & Advocacy:

• Chair, Lisa Coggins

- There are a number of bills for the group's consideration
- Ms. Murray and Ms. Humiston to circulate to the group; please let them know if anyone does not support any of the bills by September 20, 2023.
- The bills are as follows:
 - i. House Substitute 2 for House Bill 142, introduced June 7, 2023, named "An Act to Amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code Relating to Crimes and Criminal Procedure"
 - ii. House Bill 230, introduced June 15, 2023, named "An Act to Amend Titles 10, 13, 24, And 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to Gender-Affirming Health Care"
 - iii. House Bill 253, introduced June 30, 2023, named "An Act to Amend Titles 16, 18, 29,

And 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to Mammograms”

- iv. Senate Bill 106, introduced May 3, 2023, named “An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to Maternal Mental Health”
- v. Senate Bill 193, introduced June 20, 2023, named “An Act to Amend Title 13 of the Delaware Code Relating to Alimony”
- vi. Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 193, introduced June 28, 2023, named “An Act to Amend Title 13 of the Delaware Code Relating To Alimony”

D. Roxana Arsht Fellowship:

• **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**

- Ms. Vavala and Ms. Jones plan to discuss and then circle back with the group next month; they have contemplated holding another event this year to raise funds.
- Noted that the retreat was successful last year and that there were many volunteers to provide baskets for or help with the silent auction at the retreat, so Ms. Vavala and Ms. Jones will send out an invitation requesting more help.

E. Retreat:

• **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**

- The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3 to Friday, April 5 at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.
- A save-the-date will be sent out to the section.
- The committee took a lot of great feedback from evaluations at the last retreat and are now working with the Hyatt to implement the feedback, which includes changes to room layout and ensuring space is available for those who need to work during the retreat.
- The DSBA will be providing more help this year in ways such as fundraising.

- Please reach out to Ms. Huff, Ms. Bustard, or Ms. Pappoulis if interested in sponsoring the retreat or with programming suggestions.

IV. Call for Committee Volunteers

- A. Other volunteer opportunities for additional DSBA committees are available. Please reach out to Ms. Humiston or Ms. Murray to volunteer.

V. Good and Welfare

- A. Condolences were expressed to Ms. Vavala regarding the death of her father.
- B. It was noted that Kathy Miller's Senate confirmation hearing for Superior Court Judge is scheduled for this week.
 - 1. It was also noted that Kathy Miller has expressed an interest in continuing her DSBA committee involvement.
 - 2. A request was made to consider Kathy Miller as a potential nomination for the Women in Leadership award.
- C. Gratitude was expressed to the committees who organized the June 29, 2023 100th Anniversary of Women in the Law in Delaware celebration.
- D. The recent passing of former DSBA president (and second female DSBA president) Anne Naczi was discussed.
- E. Reminder to buy tickets to the DSBA 100th Anniversary Celebration on September 29, 2023 at the office of Young Conaway.
- F. The DSBA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee initiative for a portrait of Leonard Williams to be hung in the courthouse lobby was described; the courthouse is dedicated to him, and the committee hopes this can be completed next year .

VI. New Business

- A. None.

VII. Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, October 4th, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Christine Chappellear
Jessica Tyler
Katherine Fry
Lori Sitler
Anna Fiscella
Kathleen Vavala
Emily Silverstein
Tanya Murray
Nick Beard
Jessica Needles
Michelle Skoranski
Kelly Ensslin
Shannon Humiston
Brionna Denby
Kiadii Harmon
Lisa Coggins
Jocelyn Pugh
Julie Yeager
Michelle Skoranski
Mary McDonough
Elizabeth Malang
Jennifer Ying
Mary Thomas
Sarah Ennis

I. Special Guests Lori Sitler of CHILD, Inc. and Mariann Kenville-Moore of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

- A.** Ms. Sitler and Ms. Kenville-Moore shared information about the Federal government cutting the grant it provides to Delaware to help victims of abuse from \$5 million to \$3 million. Beginning April 1, 2024, CHILD, Inc. and other grant recipients will have to significantly scale back the services they provide to victims of abuse (and those in our child welfare system).
- B.** The Section expressed an interest in forming a committee to address these issues and help come up with a solution.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 2023 Meeting

- A.** Ms. Fiscella moved to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting, with one change to update the name of the courthouse inadvertently listed incorrectly; Ms. Coggins seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Programming & Wellness:

• Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella

- Welcome back happy hour to take place on Thursday, October 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the outdoor patio space of Banks' Seafood Kitchen in Wilmington.

B. Awards:

• Chair, Andrea Brooks

- The Committee submitted nomination letters last Friday, September 29, as they were due Sunday, October 1.

C. Legislation & Advocacy:

• Chair, Lisa Coggins

- There have been no new bills introduced since the last meeting, but Ms. Coggins mentioned a few that have since been signed into law, including bills relating to the crime of obstruction of justice, the crime of endangering the welfare of a child, and the definition of protection from abuse.
- The Committee is planning a legislative luncheon for the spring and will report back with additional information.

D. Roxana Arsht Fellowship:

• Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones

- With the retreat coming up, the Committee is thinking of creating a Google Doc so people can add their names if they have something to contribute for the auction or would like to help.

E. Retreat:

• Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis

- The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3 to Friday, April 5 at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, and a save the date was sent out to the Section.
- Please let the Committee know if anyone has ideas for or would want to participate in a panel at the retreat.
- Please let your firms know that the Committee will be soliciting sponsorships from firms for the retreat.

IV. Call for Committee Volunteers

A. Volunteers are sought to compile stories of women being honored as part of the 100th anniversary celebration. Ideally an ad hoc committee will be formed to compile interviews. Mark Vavala has volunteered to put a book together compiling the profiles and interviews. Please reach out to Ms. Humiston or Ms. Murray if interested in volunteering.

B. Volunteers are sought for the Child Welfare Committee to seek a solution for addressing the upcoming 40% budget shortfall to help victims of abuse in Delaware. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Humiston, Ms. Murray, or Ms. McDonough (m.mcdonough126@gmail.com).

V. DSBA DEI Committee – Kathy Vavala

A. Ms. Vavala shared that the DSBA DEI Committee is looking for sections of the Bar to become involved.

B. The dedication of the new portrait in the courthouse is moving forward and will potentially occur in May 2024.

C. The Committee has additional funding that will be used for two years of the Diversity Scholarship that the DSBA created last summer.

VI. Good and Welfare

A. None.

VII. New Business

A. None.

VIII. Adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Shaku Bhaya
Lisa Coggins
Kitty Dickerson
Sarah Ennis
Kelly Ensslin
Shannon Hanson
Kaidii Harmon
Shannon Humiston
Judy Jones
Shelley Kinsella
Sara Beth Kohut
Karla Levinson
Lisa Linke
Elizabeth Malang
Mary McDonough
Dana Monzo
Tanya Murray
Jessica Needles
Jocelyn Pugh
Michelle Skoranski
Daniella Spitelli-Sarnecky
Megan Traynor
Jessica Tyler
Christie Williams

I. Discussion of Minutes from October 2023 Meeting

- Ms. Murray and Ms. McDonough discussed certain revisions, which will be incorporated. The revised minutes will be circulated for approval at next month's meeting.

II. Committee Reports

- **Child Welfare/Victim Rights Committee**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**
 - This Committee's name is still being refined.

- The scope of the committee will include:
 - i. Training through a CLE;
 - ii. Education on volunteer and pro bono opportunities; and
 - iii. One or more bar journal articles focusing on the rights of women, children and/or families.
- Any political advocacy of individual members will not be included within the scope of this committee. Members should contact Mary McDonough (m.mcdonough126@gmail.com)
- Keep an eye on your email for further updates
- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - Legislative luncheon scheduled for March 7, 2024
- **Awards:**
 - **Chair, Andrea Brooks**
 - Ms. Humiston agreed to circulate a list of the DSBA awards and offered members to submit nominations.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - There have been no new bills introduced since the last meeting, as the General Assembly is on recess.
 - The Committee is planning a legislative luncheon for March 7, 2024, and will report back with additional information.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**
 - No update at this time.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**

- The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3 to Friday, April 5 at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.

- **DSBA DEI Committee:**
 - **Member – Kathy Vavala**

- No update at this time

III. Girls Incorporated of Delaware

- **Presentation by Lisa Linke & Christie Williams**
 - Described Girls Inc.'s services and advocacy efforts
 - Discussed their project accelerate program
 - Solicited volunteers to serve as mentors to the women in their program

IV. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

- DSBA Liaison – Victoria Sweeney
 - Ms. McDonough volunteered to assist with members who have passed.
 - Additional volunteer opportunities still available for this project.

V. New Business

- Ms. McDonough offered to coordinate a reception or other networking event with other DSBA sections for those who are newly admitted to the bar that previously resided outside the state and/or to help compile a list of resources for such individuals as they lay down their roots in Delaware.
- Ms. Humiston offered to reach out to Mark Vavala and Kate Harmon regarding whether the Section's Legislative Luncheon complies with Section 10.2 of the DSBA Bylaws.

- Ms. McDonough offered to speak with members after the meeting concludes regarding personal political advocacy efforts related to funding shortfalls identified at last month's section meeting.

VI. Adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Nick Beard
Kitty Dickerson
Christine DiGuglielmo
Katherine Fry
Shannon Humiston
Judy Jones
Elizabeth Malang
Kristin McElroy
Tanya Murray
Jessica Needles
Michele Skoranski
Jessica Tyler
Kathleen Vavala
Angie Vest
Shae Woodburn

I. Minutes from October and November meetings were approved.

II. Committee Reports

- **Child Welfare/Victim Rights Committee**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**
 - This Committee's name is still being refined.
 - The scope of the committee will include:
 - i. Training through a CLE;
 - ii. Education on volunteer and pro bono opportunities;
and
 - iii. One or more bar journal articles focusing on the rights of women, children and/or families.
 - Volunteers are still welcome to join. Please email Ms. Ensslin (Kelly.Ensslin@delaware.gov) or Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.Vavala@delaware.gov) if you are interested.

- Next meeting for this committee may be held on 1/12/24 at 10:00 a.m. Please keep an eye on your emails for a zoom link and please reach out if you have any questions.
- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - Mary McDonough is spearheading a mentoring program for newly admitted attorneys and/or attorneys sitting for the bar. The Programming Committee will be available to assist as schedules allow.
- **Awards:**
 - **Chair, Andrea Brooks**
 - The Honorable Kathleen M. Miller received the Women's Leadership Award on 12/5/23.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - The Committee is planning a brown bag legislative luncheon for March 7, 2024, and will report back with additional information.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**
 - The co-chairs intend to create a google doc that volunteers can use to list donations. Please keep an eye on your emails.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**
 - The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3 to Friday, April 5 at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.
 - You should have received a sponsorship email already. You can also download the sponsorship form [HERE](#). Please let Shannon Humiston (shumiston@mccarter.com) or Tanya Murray (tmurray1111@hotmail.com) know if you have any questions.

- **DSBA DEI Committee:**

- **Member – Kathy Vavala**

- This year's initiatives include the dedication of a portrait to Louis Redding and a potential collaboration with the Delaware law school regarding the Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest.
 - Please reach out to Liz Fenton (fentone@ballardspahr.com) with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have regarding this committee.

III. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

- **DSBA Liaison – Victoria Sweeney**

- This project will be starting soon. Please keep an eye on your emails if you have volunteered to participate.

IV. New Business

V. Adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Caroline Kaminski
Christine Chappelle
Cindy Cucuzzella
Dana Monzo
Elizabeth Malang
Erin Brignola
Jessica Needles
Jessica Tyler
Jessica Zeldin
Jill Di Sciullo
Jocelyn Pugh
Julie Yeager
Karla Levinson
Kathleen Vavala
Kelly Ensslin
Kiadii Harmon
Kitty Dickerson
Lisa Heinz
Mary McDonough
Mary Thomas
Megan Traynor
Molly Shaw
The Honorable Monica Horton
Periann Doko
Sarah Ennis
Shannon Humiston
Susan Kaufman
Tanya Murray
Tara Bustard

I. DELREC

- **Presentation by Betsy Renzo and Eve Ormerod**

- Described DELREC's services and advocacy efforts.

- Solicited volunteers to help educate local students and mentor law students. Members can sign up to volunteer through DELREC's website (www.delrec.org) or by contacting Betsy directly (BRenzo@delrec.org).

II. Minutes from December meeting were approved.

III. Committee Reports

• Programming & Wellness:

• Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella

- Mary McDonough is spearheading a mentoring program for attorneys sitting for the bar. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Mary at m.mcdonough126@gmail.com.
- Upcoming events:
 - Kickoff lunch panel: January 8th, 1-2pm, at DSBA offices (405 N King Street, Wilmington)
- Future events:
 - Coffee hour: January 29th, 8:30-9:30am, at Legal Grounds Café (1208 Kirkwood Highway, Elsmere)
 - Possible Sunday afternoon walks in the future as a study break

• Legislation & Advocacy:

• Chair, Lisa Coggins

- There is no update for this month. Please note the Committee is planning a brown bag legislative luncheon for March 7, 2024.

• Awards:

• Chair, Andrea Brooks

- Law Day Awards nominations are due to abrooks@wilks.law by January 5th. These awards include the Liberty Bell Award, Community Service Award, and the Myrna L. Rubinstein Professional Support Recognition Award. Descriptions of each award can be found here:

<https://www.dsba.org/sections-committees/standing-committees/awards/>.

- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**

- **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**

- The co-chairs have created a Google Doc where volunteers can list donations:

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pHe3lbINNjNb36HbZlarqO2tTQYXDfn5n_dpPUpvutQ/edit?usp=sharing.

- **Retreat:**

- **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**

- The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3rd to Friday, April 5th at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.
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 - The Committee is also soliciting ideas for retreat t-shirt designs; please submit ideas to Tara (TaraBustard@dplaw.com), Nina (Nina@vandahlgrenlaw.com) or Kelley (khuff@mslde.com) by January 15th.

- **Child Welfare/Victim Rights Committee**

- **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**

- This Committee's name is still being refined.
 - The scope of the committee will include:
 - i. Training through a CLE;
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- Volunteers are still welcome to join. Please email Ms. Ensslin (Kelly.Ensslin@delaware.gov) or Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.Vavala@delaware.gov) if you are interested.
- Next meeting for this committee will be held on January 12th at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom information is as follows: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84017103554>; Meeting ID: 840 1710 3554; Passcode: 3004030509
- The Committee is also planning on putting a journal together in the spring.

IV. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

- DSBA Liaison – Victoria Sweeney
 - No update this month. Please keep in mind that this project will be starting soon. Please keep an eye on your emails if you have volunteered to participate.

B. DSBA DEI Committee:

- **Member – Kathy Vavala**
 - This year's initiatives include the dedication of a portrait to Louis Redding (to take place May 9th or 16th), a potential collaboration with the Delaware Law School regarding the Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest, and the diversity clerkship program.
 - Please reach out to Liz Fenton (fentone@ballardspahr.com) with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have regarding this committee.

V. New Business

VI. Adjourned at approximately 1:18 PM.

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Nina Pappoulis
Kristen Swift
Noelle Torrice
Sarah Ennis
Megan Traynor
Elizabeth Malang
Nick Beard
Tara Lattomus
Lisa Coggins
Megan Murray
Jaycie DiNardo
Ashleigh
Cindy Cucuzzella
Jocelyn Pugh
E Brignola
Mary McDonough

I. Update—BBE Policy on Menstrual Products for Bar Exam Takers

- Thanks to efforts by members of our Section, the BBE will now provide menstrual products in all bathrooms during the bar exam, including the upcoming February 2024 administration.

II. Minutes from January 2024 meeting were approved.

III. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - No update at this time.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - Legislative luncheon scheduled for March 7th from 12-1:30pm. Save the date has been sent out, with a formal invitation and RSVP information to follow.
 - Only one new bill has been filed since the last WAL Section meeting, Senate Bill 212, with its purpose being to ensure that everyone in Delaware will achieve their full health potential by eliminating health disparities.
- **Awards:**
 - **Chair, Andrea Brooks**
 - Nominations for the DSBA Bench and Bar Awards are due to the Awards Committee, (Ms. Fiscella, afiscella@wilks.law), by February 26th at 5pm.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**
 - The Committee is beginning fundraising efforts and collecting items to be used in the silent auction.
 - The co-chairs have created a Google Doc where volunteers can list donations:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pHe3lbINNjNb36HbZlIarqO2tTQYXDFn5n_dpUPvutQ/edit?usp=sharing
 - Please reach out to Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.vavala@delaware.gov) with questions or if you need tax documents from donations you made to last year's silent auction.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**

- The 2024 retreat will take place Wednesday, April 3rd to Friday, April 5th at the Hyatt Place Dewey Beach.
- You should have received a sponsorship email already. You can also download the sponsorship form [HERE](#). Be on the lookout for emails to the Section members as well as to those firms that have sponsored in the past. Please forward to the appropriate people in your firms or provide their information to WAL for further direct follow-up.
- Registration will hopefully be open Monday, February 12th.
- Voting on t-shirt designs is ongoing; please vote at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTNL58M> by COB on February 14th.
- Any questions can go to Tara (TaraBustard@dplaw.com), Nina (Nina@vandahlgrenlaw.com) or Kelley (khuff@mslde.com).

- **Victims' Rights Subcommittee**

- **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**

- The Subcommittee had its first meeting on January 12th and decided on "Victims' Rights" as its name and awareness, education, and action as its focuses.
- Hopes to have a potential fall DSBA Bar Journal dedicated to victims' rights and is working on organizing a CLE.
- Volunteers are still welcome to join. Please email Ms. Ensslin (Kelly.Ensslin@delaware.gov) or Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.Vavala@delaware.gov) if you are interested.
- Next meeting will be held February 23rd at 10:30am. The Zoom information is as follows: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88173590378>; Meeting ID: 881 7359 0378; Passcode: 6940087233.

IV. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

- DSBA Liaison – Victoria Sweeney

- No update this month. Please keep in mind that this project will be starting soon. Please keep an eye on your emails if you have volunteered to participate.

B. DSBA DEI Committee:

• Member, Kathy Vavala

- This year's initiatives include the dedication of a portrait to Leonard L. Williams (to take place May 16th at 2:30—invitation to come from the DSBA).
- The diversity clerkship program for this summer is funded. Application process is open.
- Please reach out to Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.vavala@delaware.gov) with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have regarding this committee.

C. Bar Applicant Welcome Group

• Organizer, Mary McDonough

- Fresh fruit will be provided at the bar exam thanks to efforts by members of the group.
- Menstrual products will now be provided in all bathrooms at the bar exam thanks to efforts by members of the group.
- Volunteers are solicited to take on the mentoring program for newly admitted attorneys.
- Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Mary McDonough at m.mcdonough126@gmail.com.

V. New Business

- Kristen Swift's firm, Kaufman Dolowich, is opening a new office in Delaware and is looking for new attorneys. Please contact her at (302) 367-5831 if interested.
- The recent passing of Myrna Bair, a pioneer for women in Delaware, was noted.

VI. Adjourned at approximately 1:06 PM.

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Pam Meitner
Jaycie DiNardo

I. Minutes from February 2024 meeting were approved.

II. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - No update at this time.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - Legislative luncheon scheduled for March 7th from 12–1:30 PM.

- **Awards:**
 - **Chair, Andrea Brooks**
 - Nominations for the DSBA Bench and Bar Awards have closed. The WAL Section has put forth Judge Jane Roth for the First State Distinguished Service Award, but there has not been a vote on that award yet.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**
 - The Committee is in the process of fundraising and collecting items to be used in the silent auction.
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 - Registration is live and will close on March 20th at noon. There is no onsite registration.
 - The Room block will be held until March 13th.
 - Voting on t-shirt designs has closed.
 - Nominations for the Boudart and Waserstein awards are being accepted until March 13th and can be sent to Ms. Huff (khuff@mslde.com).

- Any questions can go to Tara (TaraBustard@dplaw.com), Nina (Nina@vandahlgrenlaw.com) or Kelley (khuff@mslde.com).
- **Victims' Rights Subcommittee**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**
 - The Subcommittee held a meeting on February 23rd and primarily focused on preparing articles for the September Bar Journal and scheduling a future CLE.
 - Volunteers are still welcome to join. Please email Ms. Ensslin (Kelly.Ensslin@delaware.gov) or Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.Vavala@delaware.gov) if you are interested.
 - Next meeting will be held April 12th at 11:00 AM. The Zoom information is as follows:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85365881970>; Meeting ID: 853 6588 1970; Passcode: 9977635256.

III. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

• DSBA Liaison, Victoria Sweeney

- The Committee is targeting April for interviews of those who will be included in the project, and is on track to have the project completed around the spring of 2025.
- More information to come regarding timing and the event itself.

B. DSBA DEI Committee:

• Member, Kathy Vavala

- This year's initiatives include the dedication of a portrait to Leonard L. Williams, which will take place May 16th at 2:30 PM on the first floor of the courthouse, with a small reception to follow. Invitation with RSVP to come from the DSBA.
- The Committee has interviewed applicants for this summer's diversity program and decided on five

applicants, all of whom have accepted clerkships. Two will be in Superior Court, and one will be in each of the Bankruptcy Court, Supreme Court, and the Court of Chancery.

- More information to come about planned summer clerk events that all are welcome to join.
- Please reach out to Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.vavala@delaware.gov) with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have regarding this committee.

C. Bar Applicant Welcome Group

• Organizer, Mary McDonough

- There appear to be enough volunteers to cover all February 2024 bar takers who have reached out in need of preceptors.
- The group is considering a Celebrate Spring walk on March 23rd for bar applicants and resource attorneys alike.
- The group is soliciting feedback on the benefits of the pilot program and whether it is worth continuing, perhaps by the DSBA or any of its other Sections.
- Please contact Mary McDonough (m.mcdonough126@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering or with programming ideas or ideas for the future of the program.

IV. New Business

- The Criminal Section has requested that the WAL Section provide a position as to House Bill 152 by March 18th. Please let Tanya (tmurray1111@hotmail.com) or Shannon (shumiston@mccarter.com) know if you have a position.
- The Estates and Trusts Section is requesting that they have the full ability to support the Trust Act 2024 and for full DSBA support. Please let Tanya (tmurray1111@hotmail.com) or Shannon

(shumiston@mccarter.com) know if you have a position by March 15th. Absent any responses, the WAL Section will let the DSBA know it takes no action the week of March 18th.

- There will be no monthly meeting on April 3rd because of the retreat.

V. Adjourned at approximately 12:55 PM.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Mary McDonogh
Kelly Ensslin
Angie Vest
Elizabeth Malang
Kathleen Vavala
Periann Doko
Jessica Needles
Tanya Murray
Shannon Humiston
Sarah Ennis
Karen Sullivan
Molly Shaw
Sara Beth Kohut
Jocelyn Pugh
Elizabeth Malang
Dana Monzo
Tara Lattomus
Tiffany Lydon
Jennifer Ying
Megan Murray
Michelle Skoronski
Meryem Dede
Jessica Tyler

I. Minutes from March 2024 meeting were approved.

II. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - No update at this time.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - No update at this time

- **Awards:**
 - **Chair, Andrea Brooks**
 - No updates at this time.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kathy Vavala & Judy Jones**
 - The Committee raised approximately \$4,000, \$1,00 more than last year, at the Retreat
 - The Delaware Community Foundation has asked for changes in the selection process for recipients of the Fellowship and the Committee Chairs will be meeting with DCF in approximately 1 month to discuss.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**
 - The 2024 retreat again had breaking number attendance
 - Great thanks to the Committee members and volunteers that made it a success
- **Victims' Rights Subcommittee**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin & Kathy Vavala**
 - The Subcommittee is actively working on three articles that will be published in September in the Bar Journal
 - The Subcommittee will also be hosting two CLEs: (i) a free CLE for Protection From abuse training, and (ii) a CLE yet to be determined. The CLEs are currently planned for October and November of this year.
 - Next meeting will be held Friday, May 10th at 11:00 AM. The Zoom information is as follows:
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III. Good and Welfare

A. DSBA's 1st 100 Women Project:

• DSBA Liaison, Victoria Sweeney

- The Committee is targeting April for interviews of those who will be included in the project, and is on track to have the project completed around the spring of 2025.
- More information to come regarding timing and the event itself.

B. DSBA DEI Committee:

• Member, Kathy Vavala

- This year's initiatives include the dedication of a portrait to Leonard L. Williams, which will take place May 16th at 2:30 PM on the first floor of the courthouse, with a small reception to follow. Invitation with RSVP is open to the public and has been sent by the DSBA. The family of Leonard L. Williams is expected to be in attendance.
- The Committee has selected 5 clerks for the summer diversity program. One clerk will serve in each of the Court of Chancery, the Supreme Court and the Federal Bankruptcy Court with two clerks serving in the Superior Court.
- Summer events are also planned for the DEI clerks that all are welcome to join.
- Please reach out to Ms. Vavala (Kathleen.vavala@delaware.gov) with any additional ideas or suggestions you may have regarding this committee.

C. Bar Applicant Welcome Group

• Organizer, Mary McDonough

- Mary McDonough and Zach Stirparo of the LGBTQ+ Section met with the incoming Executive Director of the DSBA, Carl Rendell, and Mark Vavala. The DSBA is interested in taking up the Bar Applicant Welcome Program but will not likely be able to implement the

program for the July 2024 bar exam. Volunteers are welcome.

- The DSBA is also looking to reinstate its mentoring program for bar applicants and members. The DSBA program has approximately 50 members and the WAL Section has recruited over 50 additional Section members that would also like to participate. Please be on the lookout for more information from the DSBA.
- Please contact Mary McDonough (m.mcdonough126@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering or with programming ideas or ideas for the future of the program.

IV. New Business

- The American Constitution Society - Delaware Chapter, has invited the Women and Law Section members to attend the Society's upcoming event: Tackling Access and Inclusivity: DE Bench and Bar Strategies Plan 2024 Update. The event is May 10th at 12pm-1:30pm at the new DSBA office; Zoom registration is also available for those who would like to join remotely link is [here](#).

V. Good and Welfare

- Jessica Tyler advised the Section that Kathy Vavala has been nominated for a Judicial position on the Superior Court of Delaware.
- Kathy's confirmation hearing is scheduled to be held on July 15, 2024. Once confirmed, Kathy will need to step down from many of her activities with the Section and, accordingly, the Section calls upon its members to volunteer to take up the many initiatives that Kathy has been conducting.
- The Section wishes Kathy luck in the confirmation process and thanks her for the many initiatives and work she has done on behalf of the Section.

VI. Adjourned at approximately 12:53 PM.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Christine Chappellear
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray
Jennifer Reefer
Abby Samuels
Anna Fiscella
Elizabeth Malang
Lisa Coggins
Kelly Ensslin
Mary Sikra Thomas
Allison Neff
Angie Vest
Clara O’Flynn O’Brien
Ashleigh Herrin
Dana Spring Monzo
Jessica L. Needles
Kelly Rowe
Kim Evans
Lauren Ferguson
Molly Shaw
Nick Beard
Elizabeth Fenton
Jill Di Sciullo
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Megan Murray
Denisse Guevara
Linda Malkin
Lisa Zwally
Michelle Streifthau-Livizos
Samantha Mears
Tara Lattomus
Judy Jones
Jaycie DiNardo
Kathleen Dickerson

I. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**

- **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**

- Fall welcome back happy hour will take place on October 3rd from 5-7 PM on the rooftop at the Quoin, 519 N Market Street, Wilmington; invitation to come shortly.
 - Second happy hour will take place on October 24th at Tanya Murray's house; stay tuned for further details.

- **Legislation & Advocacy:**

- **Chair, Lisa Coggins**

- No updates at this time.

- **Awards:**

- **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**

- The nomination window for the Women and the Law Leadership Award is open. The Committee has received some great nominations and is waiting for them to be voted on.

- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**

- **Chair, Judy Jones**

- The Committee will be meeting with Fellowship leadership next week to discuss the investment and management of the Fellowship's funds.
 - Applications for new candidates for the Fellowship will be opening up soon.
 - Please reach out to Judy (jmjones@zarwin.com) if you are interested in helping out with the Committee.

- **Retreat:**

- **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, & Nina Pappoulis**

- No updates at this time.

- **Victims' Rights Committee:**

- **Chair, Kelly Ensslin**

- The Committee last met on August 9th.
 - The Committee recently submitted articles to the DSBA, which are due to be published this month.
 - The Committee has two upcoming CLEs planned through the DSBA:
 - October 30th: A two-hour CLE mirroring the Committee's recent article submissions to the DSBA; and
 - December 3rd from 9 AM-12 PM: A free CLE with Delaware Volunteer Legal Services for PFA training, including ethics credit.
 - The Committee's next meeting is will take place on September 20th at 10 AM.
 - Reach out to Kelly (kelly.ensslin@state.de.us) if you would like to be on the Committee's email distribution list.

II. Good and Welfare

- No items at this time.

III. New Business

- No items at this time.

IV. Adjourned at approximately 12:42 PM.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Jessica Needles
Elizabeth Malang
Elizabeth Fenton
Jocelyn Pugh
Judy Jones
Jennifer Ying
Kathleen Dickerson
Kelly Ensslin
Kelly Rowe
Jaycie DiNardo
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Misty Seemans
Maria Sawczak
Molly Shaw
Shaku Bhaya
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray
Tiffany Lydon
Periann Doko

I. The November 2024 minutes were approved.

II. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - No report.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - No report.

- **Awards:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - WAL annual award is in the Fall with no new awards for the cycle.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Chair, Judy Jones**
 - The Committee is requesting any suggestions for fundraising options other than the silent auction at the retreat alternative ways to fundraise at the retreat.
 - The Committee will reach out in January 2025 for silent auction contributions.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, Nina Pappoulis & Yvonne Saville**
 - This year's retreat will take place March 20–21, 2025 with a sponsored welcome happy hour the evening of March 19.
 - Sponsorship forms for the retreat are due by January 3, 2025.
- **Victims' Rights Committee:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelly Ensslin and Molly Shaw**
 - The Committee has completed the October CLE discussing its recent Bar Journal on Victim Rights.
 - Due to venue issues with the DSBA, the Committee is looking for an alternative venue for the PFA CLE and as a result this CLE may be pushed into 2025.
 - The Committee has met its goals for 2024 and is pivoting towards other victim rights issues considering child abuse and juvenile sex trafficking. The Committee is hoping that the DSBA will also consider publishing articles and holding CLEs on the subjects.

- The Committee noted that 2024 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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III. Good and Welfare

- No new news.

IV. New Business

- Shaku Bhaya advised the section that Mary Dugan has stepped up to lead the effort to work with the DSBA to launch the 1st 100 Women Project. Volunteers to assist Mary in this effort should contact Mary directly or Tanya Murray and Shannon Humiston.
- Shaku Bhaya also advised the section that the Delaware Senate is holding an appointment meeting to fill the position of Vice Chancellor Magistrate on December 16, 2024 for those interested.

V. Adjourned at approximately 12:42PM.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Caroline Kaminski
Christine Chappelle
Elizabeth Malang
Jaycie DiNardo
Jessica Needles
Jocelyn Pugh
Judy Jones
Kathleen Dickerson
Kelly Ensslin
Kelly Rowe
Kristen Swift
Linda Malkin
Lisa Coggins
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Meryem Dede
Misty Seemans
Molly Shaw
Periann Doko
Shannon Humiston
Staci Harpell
Tanya Murray
Tara Lattomus
Tiffany Lydon

I. The December 2024 minutes were approved.

II. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - The Committee is planning this year's legislative luncheon with the Legislation & Advocacy Committee.

- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - The Committee had no legislation updates.
 - The Committee has established a new contact and has started the ball rolling with that contact.
- **Awards:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - The Committee had no update, as the WAL annual award is in the fall, with no new awards for the cycle.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Chair, Judy Jones**
 - The Committee continues to work on the organization of the silent auction baskets for the retreat.
 - If anyone is interested in contributing items for the silent auction, please reach out to Judy Jones, Judge Vavala, or Jessica Needles.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, Nina Pappoulis & Yvonne Saville**
 - The Committee is finalizing the registration for the retreat, which will take place March 20–21, 2025. Registration should open later this week or early next week.
- **Victims' Rights Committee:**
 - **Chair, Kelly Ensslin**
 - The Committee was able to secure a venue for its PFA CLE, which will likely take place February 28 from 2–4 PM. More information will be provided once the date is confirmed.

- The Committee will be publishing articles on child abuse in an upcoming issue of the DSBA Journal in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.

III. Good and Welfare

- The DSBA has taken over the 1st 100 Women Project. Anyone who would like to contribute is asked to contact Karl Randall, Executive Director of the DSBA.

IV. New Business

- The Section provided its annual report to DSBA Executive Committee in mid-January.
- The Section's executive board is up for election this spring. Elections will take place after the retreat, and the results will be announced at the April meeting. Please let Shannon Humiston or Tanya Murray know if you are interested in running.
- The Section is hoping to hold an end-of-year happy hour, with more details to come.
- Section member Jessica Tyler was recognized for her recent appointment as Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

V. Adjourned at approximately 12:46 PM.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Allison Neff
Elizabeth Malang
Heather McKee
Jacki Chacona
Jessica Needles
Jocelyn Pugh
Kelly Ensslin
Molly Shaw
Pam Meitner
Sarah Fruehauf
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray

I. The February 2025 minutes were approved.

II. Presentation by Junior League of Wilmington

- Sarah Fruehauf discussed the League and valuable contributions it makes to our community

III. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - The Committee is planning this year's legislative luncheon with the Legislation & Advocacy Committee through their new contact at legislative hall. The luncheon is scheduled to be held on 4/15.
- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - The Committee had no legislation updates.
 - The Committee is planning this year's legislative luncheon with the Programming & Wellness Committee through their new contact at legislative hall. The luncheon is scheduled to be held on 4/15.

- **Awards:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - Boudart and Waserstein Awards will be presented at our upcoming retreat. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible if you have additional suggestions for this year's recipients.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Chair, Judy Jones**
 - The Committee continues to work on the organization of the silent auction baskets for the retreat.
 - If anyone is interested in contributing items for the silent auction, please reach out to Judy Jones or Allison Neff.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, Nina Pappoulis & Yvonne Saville**
 - The retreat will take place March 20–21, 2025. Registration has sold out.
- **Victims' Rights Committee:**
 - **Chair, Kelly Ensslin**
 - The Committee was able to secure a venue for its PFA CLE, which will likely take place April 25, from 2–4 p.m. More information will be provided as the date approaches.

IV. Good and Welfare

V. New Business

- The Section's executive board is up for election this spring. Elections will take place after the retreat, and the results will be announced at the April meeting. Please let Shannon Humiston or Tanya Murray know if you are interested in running.

VI. Adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, April 4, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Andrea Brooks
Christine Chappelle
Dana Monzo
Elizabeth Malang
Jessica Needles
Judy Jones
Kelly Rowe
Laura Braunsberg
Mary Thomas
Molly Shaw
Shaku Bhaya
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray

I. The March 2025 minutes were approved.

II. Committee Reports

• **Programming & Wellness:**

• **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**

- The Committee is working on the legislative luncheon, to be held April 15. A save the date has been sent out to the Section and will be re-circulated following the meeting.

• **Legislation & Advocacy:**

• **Chair, Lisa Coggins**

- The Committee had no legislation updates.
- The Committee is also working on the legislative luncheon, to be held April 15.

• **Awards:**

• **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**

- The Committee presented its awards at the retreat, so it had nothing further to report.

- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Chair, Judy Jones**
 - The Committee reported that it raised approximately \$3,020 between the raffle and silent auction at the retreat.
 - The Committee will be meeting with Roxana Arsht leadership shortly and will soon start soliciting nominations for the next awards.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, Nina Pappoulis & Yvonne Saville**
 - The retreat took place March 20–21, 2025. The Committee advised that the 2026 retreat will likely be held at the end of February.
- **Victims' Rights Committee:**
 - **Chair, Kelly Ensslin**
 - The Committee reported that it will have three articles featured in the DSBA Bar Journal this month.

III. Good and Welfare

IV. New Business

- Shaku Bhaya shared that the American Constitution Society is organizing a Rally for the Rule of Law, to take place April 30 from 12–1:30pm in Rodney Square. More information will be distributed to the Section after the meeting.
- The following slate for the Section's Board for the 2025–2027 term was approved by those present at the meeting per the procedure under the Section by-laws:
 - Co-chairs – Judy Jones and Allison Neff
 - Vice Chair – Jocelyn Pugh
 - Treasurer – Andrea Brooks

- Secretary – Christine Chappellear

V. Adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES
WOMEN AND THE LAW SECTION
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Christine Chappellear
Jackie Chacona
Jennifer Reefer
Jennifer Ying
Jessica Needles
Jocelyn Pugh
Kelly Ensslin
Kelly Rowe
Kim Evans
Laura Braunsberg
Liz Malang
Lucinda Cucuzzella
Megan Murray
Megan Thomas
Michelle Streifthau-Livizos
Molly Shaw
Shannon Humiston
Tanya Murray

I. Delaware Department of Justice presentation

- Brandi Neal and Kelly Singleton of the Delaware Department of Justice presented to the Section about the DOJ's initiatives and opportunities.

II. The April 2025 minutes were approved.

III. Committee Reports

- **Programming & Wellness:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - The Committee reported that it held the legislative luncheon on April 15 and that the luncheon was well attended.
 - The Committee will not be holding an end-of-year event this year.

- **Legislation & Advocacy:**
 - **Chair, Lisa Coggins**
 - The Committee had no legislation updates.
 - The Committee also reported that the April 15 legislative luncheon went well.
- **Awards:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Andrea Brooks & Anna Fiscella**
 - The Committee had no updates.
- **Roxana Arsht Fellowship:**
 - **Chair, Judy Jones**
 - The Committee had no updates.
- **Retreat:**
 - **Co-Chairs, Kelley Huff, Tara Bustard, Nina Pappoulis & Yvonne Saville**
 - The Committee reported that the 2026 retreat will likely be held at the end of February, with more details to come.
- **Victims' Rights Committee:**
 - **Chair, Kelly Ensslin**
 - The Committee reported that it recently held its CLE and that it was well attended and interactive, and that it authored articles featured in the April DSBA Bar Journal.
 - The Committee reported that in the fall it will determine whether to continue next year and, if so, determine its focus and who its new chair will be.

IV. Good and Welfare

- It was reported that Kelly Ensslin will be the State of Delaware's next Child Advocate.

V. New Business

- The Executive Board mentioned a possible fall fundraiser relating to a painted portrait of Judge Jurden in honor of her retirement. More details to come.

VI. Adjourned at approximately 1:01 p.m.