



The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division
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July 29, 2022
Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of the Joint Meeting - **9:00 a.m.** (Salons II-III)
2. Call to Order - 10: 03 a.m. - Iris A. Elijah (Salon I)
3. Roll Call - Rebekah Taylor
4. Greater Access to Legal Services - Jay Kim and Wayne Smith (BOG - 17th and 16th Circuit)
 - a. Committee has been meeting by Zoom. YLD Governors McCorkle and Giarratana participate on this committee.
 - b. They have actively reached out to legal organizations throughout the state and are awaiting data as well as coming up with ideas and theories that will allow for greater access to justice.
 - c. Their primary goal is to help self represented litigants and to educate them on the rules of procedure and evidence.
 - d. Several subcommittees are in place as they are trying to figure out the best ways to provide affordable legal options to individuals.;
 - e. Requested that YLD consider how technology could be used to assist in providing better access of legal services.
5. Consideration of Minutes - Rebekah Taylor
 - a. Governor Hirani moved to approve; Governor Mutamba seconded; all in favor; no abstention.
6. President/President-Elect's Report - Iris A. Elijah
 - a. Nomination, Election, and Swearing-In of New Members
 - i. 6th Circuit, Seat 1 Vacancy - Randall Baskin
 - Nominated and motioned for approval by Governor Thomas and Seconded by Governor Dorn
 - Discussion of Governor
 - Approved unanimously.
 - ii. 11th Circuit, Seat 5 Vacancy - Veronique Malebranche
 - Nominated and Motioned for approval by Governor Phenelus and Seconded by Governor Coleman.

- Candidate Malebranche spoke briefly introducing herself.
 - Governors Kibbey Smith and Mutamba provided feedback as well.
 - Approved unanimously.
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 - iii. 13th Circuit, Seat 2 Vacancy - Brittany Dix
 - Nominated and Motioned for approval by Governor Willis and Seconded by Governor Moody. Unanimous support from Circuit 13 Governors.
 - Discussion of Candidate Dix's background.
 - Candidate Dix spoke briefly introducing herself.
 - Governor Giarratana spoke in support of Candidate Dix.
 - Approved unanimously.
 - iv. 16th Circuit, Seat 1 Vacancy - Yanae Barroso
 - Nominated by President Elijah.
 - Governor Dorn moved to approve, Seconded by Governor Alvarez. Governors Kibbey-Smith and Coleman provided feedback as well.
 - All in favor; no abstention.
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 - v. 17th Circuit, Seat 3 Vacancy - Reno Pierre
 - Nominated and Motioned for approval by Governor Rodrigues and Seconded by Governor Aslan.
 - Unanimous support from 17th Circuit Governors.
 - Candidate spoke briefly introducing himself.
 - Governors Phenelus, Mutamba, and Murray provided feedback as well.
 - All in favor; no abstention.
 - b. Council of Committees
 - i. Opportunity for all Committee Chairs to get together in order to increase communication and prevent duplication.
 - ii. Dates of Council of Committee meetings are:
 - August 23, 2022
 - October 11, 2022
 - December 13, 2022
 - January 10, 2023
 - March 7, 2023
 - iii. JNC Nominations: Apply or encourage our constituents to apply for JNC.
 - iv. Applications are due August 25, 2022.
7. Program Administrator's Report - Tom Miller
- a. The room block for our next meeting is open and it closes on August 15, 2022.

- b. When you send your information for reimbursement, please compile your reimbursement form, receipts, and/or other documents in one PDF.
- 8. President Elijah conducted the swearing in for new Governors and the Governors not in attendance at Annual.
- 9. Committee Breakouts
- 10. Board Photo
- 11. Lunch - Noon - 1 p.m. (Flagler Hall)
- 12. Committee Reports: Please read the reports provided in the agenda.
 - a. Advocate
 - i. Advocacy and Engagement - Giselle Gutierrez and Kelly Kibbey Smith
 - Please review materials so we are prepared to discuss at the September meeting in Key West.
 - a. There will be a presentation concerning these materials via zoom.
 - Working with Webinar and CLE committee to provide one page documents for individuals in reference to the scheduled programming,
 - Presentation by Roland Sanchez Medina (BOG - 11th Circuit)
 - a. Asked for input on potential mentees for the current initiative.
 - b. Would like to ensure there is synergy between the BOG and YLD and increased communication and collaboration .
 - ii. Inclusion and Equality - Ciara Willis and Randall Baskin
 - Spoke about revising the 2015 Survey on Women in the Legal Profession. Be on the lookout for materials to review for purposes of feedback.
 - iii. Health and Wellness - Ben Thomas and Kayla Richmond
 - Relied on their report.
 - b. Educate
 - i. PWP/Professionalism - Sarah Morris
 - PWP is doing a full revamp due to the Special Committee on Professionalism's report. PWP will be virtual but live from here on out. The intent is to make it interactive and engaging.
 - a. Think about suggestions on speakers for the live PWP course.
 - The professionalism videos that were previously filmed in October 2021 will be released soon.
 - ii. CLEs - Mike Levine
 - Appellate and Federal Practice Basic CLEs will be released soon.

- iii. Webinars - Gio Giarratana
 - Relied on written report
 - August 17, 2022 12:00 p.m-1:00 pm
 - a. Financial series. The first will be about the updates of Student loans
 - b. #YLDMoneyTalk
 - i. Be prepared to share the marketing materials with your constituents.
- iv. Website - Selina Patel
 - YLD website is getting completely revamped. The goal is to make it more accessible to affiliates as well as our young lawyer members.
- c. Connect
 - i. Annual/ AOC - Ashlea Edwards and Brandon Sapp
 - Meetings will be held once a month beginning in August. If anyone is interested in participating with the planning process you are welcome to join these meetings. Your assistance is needed.
 - ii. Section/Division Liaison - Maria McCorkle
 - Spoke about the Council of Sections and their intent to communicate better.
 - a. Council of Sections Leadership meeting will be held August 12 via Zoom. President Elijah, President-Elect Patel, and Governor McCorkle will be in attendance.
 - Many of the sections are very interested in our participation.
 - If you are in a section and you know your leadership, please make an introduction for Governor McCorkle via email.
 - Governor Coleman suggested adding a section on our website that would educate our members on the different sections and fellowships for young lawyers.
 - iii. Affiliates - Charise Morgan-Joseph and Rebekah Taylor
 - Please be on the lookout for emails concerning what is going on with the Affiliates so you are able to keep your Circuits informed, ie. Grant and Award dates, Council of Affiliate meetings, YLD statewide initiatives, etc.
 - iv. Moot Court - Rachel Ponte
 - This coming year is the 50th Robert Orseck Moot Court Competition. Thank-you for your participation and support.
- d. Serve
 - i. Pro Bono/Community Service - Nick Zbrzezni
 - School supply drive during joint.

- Will be planning in person community service events for future meetings with Governors in the Circuits meetings will be held..
 - ii. Awards - Celia Dorn and Lolia Fernandez
 - The award application for the Pro Bono Award is currently live. You will be sent an email that can be sent to your constituents so recommendations can be made.
 - iii. Grants - Tiffany Pereira and Haley VanFleteren
 - Grant deadlines are coming due in September. Be sure our Affiliates are made aware of the grant opportunities available so they are able to apply.
 - e. Sponsorship - Arti Hirani and G.C. Murray
 - i. Sponsorship is important and funds have already been raised. The prospectus is available to send to your constituents.
 - Prospectus available at <https://flayld.org/2022-23-yld-sponsorships-prospectus/>.
 - f. ABA YLD Liaison - Tom Graham
 - i. Relied on report.
 - g. Communications - Karina Rodrigues
 - i. Inform your communications liaison to make them aware of your committee needs.
 - ii. Want to start highlighting Governors and affiliates. Please provide your social media handles so Bar Communications staffs able to share the great work you do within your communities.
 - h. Secretary - Rebekah Taylor
 - i. Please make sure you are present for attendance, especially if elected, because if marked absent, you will not be entitled to a reimbursement.
 - ii. All emails from Governor Taylor will come from yld@flayld.org.
 - iii. Communications and Governor Taylor will be sending out an email discussing what happened during our YLD meeting about two weeks to our constituents to inform them of our discussions.
 - i. Treasurer - Leslie Metz
 - i. Elected members are eligible for stipends, but you must be present in our meeting in order to receive your reimbursement.
 - ii. Committee Chairs you need prior approval for any amounts over \$499.00. Be sure to email Governor Metz and Mr. Miller prior to making those purchases.
13. Announcements
14. Good of the Order
15. Next Meeting: September 15 - 18, 2022 Casa Marina, Key West
16. Adjournment - Iris A. Elijah

- a. Governor Sapp moved to adjourn the meeting; Governor Giarratana seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

/s/ Rebekah S. Taylor
Board Secretary