

Bristol County Estate Planning Council  
Board Meeting  
BayCoast Bank  
April 7, 2014

**Present:** Mary Louise Champagne, Ellen Connors, Diane Graca, Jennifer Heald, Mike Kennedy, Pam Lasher, Debbie Maltais, Trish Robertson, Brandon Walecka.

**Called to order** 8:38 a.m.

1. **Secretary's Report:** None.
2. **TRIAD Meeting:** Brandon and Jennifer will be attending a TRIAD meeting tomorrow to learn more about them and if there is a place for BCEPC to provide assistance/speakers. There is a plan to have three speakers at the Taunton Housing Authority in the Fall. Topics will be: wills, power of attorney, and health care proxy.
3. **Jay Sullivan Awards:** The committee reviewed the 3 applications and recommends funding the Southeastern Massachusetts Alzheimer's Partnership and the Credit for Life Fair Fall River at the advertised \$500 each. If the Council had additional monies, SHARE was also a good application, although they were funded several years ago. Discussion was had and Diane made a motion to fund the 2 recommended programs, Mary Louise seconded and the vote passed.
4. **Sponsorship Committee:** Luke will email the final version to Brandon and Jennifer. It was discussed that some sponsors may think they are entitled to a list of attendees and contacts, and it was agreed that we would not provide this and potential sponsors should be made aware.
5. **Co-Sponsor event with Robin Smith** – Member Robin Smith has planned an event, “Not Your Grandfather’s Retirement Options: What Every Elder Law Attorney Needs to Know about Annuities” on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Mansfield and would like BCEPC to co-sponsor the event. This would mean that we would market the event to our members. Mary Louise made a motion to co-sponsor, Mike seconded and the vote passed. Jennifer will have Robin will add out logo to the flyer and then distribute it to Brandon and Trish.
6. **Nominating Committee:** There are 5 members that will not be returning to the Board, Karen, Jane, Jim, Mary Louise, and Mike. They will all be missed. At present the proposed slate for next year  
President: Brandon Walecka  
First Vice Presidents: Ellen Connors & Pamela Lasher  
Second Vice Presidents: Gerald Hall  
Secretary: Trish Robertson & Deb Maltais

Treasurer: Luke Travis  
Immediate Past President: Jennifer Heald

**Board of Directors**

Diane Graca, CFP<sup>®</sup>, CLTC, AEP<sup>®</sup>

Patricia Bloom-McDonald, Esq.

John J. Collins Jr. -was asked

Robin Smith – to be asked

7. **By-law Changes:** Handout proposed affiliate membership. Some minor revisions were suggested. Diane proposed to accept changing the by-laws to include affiliate membership, it was seconded by Mary Louise and the vote passed. Also discussed changing 1<sup>st</sup> VP from Membership to Programs and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP from Programs to Membership. Jennifer will change language and get it out to Board for review and vote by email.
8. **Program Committee:** 4/17 is networking event, cost will run \$684 if we have 24 people. Attendees should bring their business cards.  
  
5/22 Annual Meeting is at Holiday Inn in Taunton. Jennifer will reach out to president of Norfolk/Plymouth EPC to invite membership.
9. **Networking Committee:** The list of items needed for the Emergency Backpacks will be presented to the Board 1<sup>st</sup>, and then the membership. The Board will review the list to see if there is something specific they want to purchase in addition to doing educational materials.
10. **Summer Outing for Board:** Not discussed.
11. **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Louise made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Luke seconded and the vote passed. See report for details.

**Next Board Meeting:** May 5, 2014 at Bristol Elder Services, Fall River, MA

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Robertson  
Secretary