



Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31st, 2024

Room: 200

Time: 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Welcome/Introduction
- b. Roll Call for Quorum (14): Set at #18
 - i. -/24 Members Present
 1. Meg Tylenda
 2. Max Sevor
 3. Ashlyn Henrichs
 4. Natalie Turney
 5. Jonathan Stein
 6. Michael Wood
 7. Julia Vavrinec
 8. Jack Rainey
 9. Stephen Giorgianni
 10. Alice Hollocher
 11. Chloe Kangarlu
 12. Azad Kurd
 13. Mitch Whittaker
 14. Colin Baker
 15. Mitch Spaulding
 16. Dean Kaknis
 17. Taylor Alimari
 18. Noah Jacobs
 19. Ben Jacobs
 20. Olivia Vecchio
 21. Madeleine Jones
 22. Veronica Esteves
 23. TBD
 24. TBD

II. OPEN FORUM

- a. None Scheduled.

III. BYLAWS & BILLS

- a. Bill #042- Cardozo Society Bylaw Bill
 - i. The purpose of this bill is to approve the amendment to the Cardozo Jewish Legal Society to get their bylaws into compliance with SBA Rules.
- b. Bill #043- Barristers Photographer Bill
 - i. The purpose of this bill is to approve the photographer contract.
- c. Bill #044- Temporary Amendment of Robert's Rule of Order for Spring 2024 Budget Meeting
 - i. This bill will temporarily amend Robert's Rules of Order to remove procedural obstacles and provide for the efficient discussion of the Spring 2024 budget.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE- *nothing to report.*
- b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- *met Saturday 1/27 to make budget proposals; took about 6 hours to talk through requests, make proposals, and deliberate.*
- c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- *submitted the budget for the multicultural cabaret and 10 orgs tabling there, photographer and DJ have been secured at no additional cost (thanks to DEI office).*
- d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- *stay ethical during the budget meeting.*
- e. EVENTS COMMITTEE- *brief meeting this week, discussing grilled cheese event and partnering with the 1L senate and making it a grilled cheese and chat.*
- f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- *elections are going on now for 3L senate election and 1L runoff election. Votes will be counted on Friday (between 3pm and 4pm so please come help). Remember, if you are thinking of running, talk to the person in that position!*
- g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- *have been meeting, hoping to get each student group in compliance with bylaws this semester.*
- h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – *nothing to report.*
- i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE- *met among themselves and met with the alumni office and discussing only meeting with alumni office. Discussing constitutional changes to allow alumni committee to be pre-formed in order to help out with alumni weekend. Discussing doing an outside alumni networking event for those who live and work outside of the Albany region.*

V. SENATE REPORTS

- a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
 - i. President Max Sevor – *noticed a lot of absentees lately- please email in advance if you are not able to be here and additionally, it is expected that these meetings should be a priority. Also, the budget meeting has a chipotle order and donuts/ coffee for the morning portion as well. PLEASE review the budget outline before the meeting in order to be prepared and understand where the requests are coming from: it can make the meeting go by faster. With the budget meeting, encourages respectful interactions.*

- ii. Vice President Noah Jacobs – *thanks finance committee and Meg for all of their hard work and encourages looking at the material beforehand.*
- iii. Treasurer Meg Tylanda – *the presenter schedule was sent out on Saturday to the student leaders who will be presenting their organization's request at the Budget Meeting on Sunday, 2/4. Presenters should make sure to arrive on time for their block and to contact Meg if something arises. All requests were sent to the Senate on Saturday so members would have a week to review requests, past spending, and event report forms on file. Presentations will start at 8am on Sunday. We are aiming to allocate no more than \$60.5k this semester due to the deficit we are running and for financial stability for the fall based on last semester's spending. All student organizations will be responsible for obtaining their own paper products for events this semester.*
- iv. Secretary Ashlyn Henrichs– *Lionheart (original/L1) social Friday at 7pm, see y'all there.*

b. SENATE REPORTS

- i. Third Year President Natalie Turney- *nothing to report.*
- ii. Second Year President Jonathan Stein – *draft email for Barristers has been submitted and will start the announcements tomorrow. Looking into handstamps instead of wristbands this year (one non-alcohol and one alcohol).*
- iii. First Year President Jack Rainey – *talking about grilled cheese with events committee, Chloe is discussing a first-year medical student/law mixer and looking forward to getting another senator.*
- iv. ABA Senator Mitchell Spaulding – *join ABA!*
- v. ACBA Senator Colin Baker – *nothing to report.*
- vi. Diversity Senator Azad Kurd – *nothing to report.*
- vii. NYSBA Senator Mitchell Whittaker – *join NYSBA!*
- viii. Spring Start Senator Olivia Vecchio – *spoke with the new spring starts (all really nice) and encouraged them to run for her position.*

c. FACULTY REPORTS

- i. Dean Taranto – *nothing to report.*

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 18-0-1, PASSES

a. **BYLAWS AND BILL**

- i. Bill #042, Cardozo Society
 1. Motion: to approve the edits
 2. Status: seconded, 19-0-0, **PASSES**
 3. Reasoning: -

- ii. Bill #043, Barristers Photographer
 1. Motion: to approve the photographer
 2. Status: seconded, 16-0-4, **PASSES**
 3. Reasoning: -
- iii. Bill #044, Budget Meeting
 1. Motion: to approve
 2. Status: seconded, 17-1-1, **PASSES**
 3. Reasoning:-

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 19-0-0, PASSES

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Please check the SBA website.
- b. **PLEASE be on time** if you are presenting a budget for an organization at the meeting on Sunday.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. The Budget Meeting will be held this Sunday, February 4th beginning at 8:00 AM in Room 200.
- b. The next regular SBA meeting will be held on February 14th at 7:30 PM in Room 200.

X. ADJOURNEMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, 19-0-0, PASSES