

PENNSYLVANIA COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION Annual Membership Meeting Saturday, April 25, 2015 12:45 p.m.

Kathy McHugh, RPR, CRR, CSR, PCRA President, Presiding

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association was called to order at 12:46 pm ET in the Timber Meeting Room at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Seven Springs, Pennsylvania.

President McHugh welcomed all in attendance and called upon PCRA Secretary-Treasurer Melissa Keating, RPR.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Keating reported that the association held net assets of \$195,563 as of March 31, 2015. A review of revenue sources highlighted the association's reliance upon membership dues, which made up 69% of all revenue.

Ms. Keating reviewed the association's sources of expense including operational costs, membership fulfillment, Board/governance, and the annual convention.

Installation of the 2015 – 2016 PCRA Board of Directors

President McHugh introduced PCRA member, invited representative, and NCRA Vice President, Nativa Wood, RDR, CMRS, FAPR.

Ms. Wood thanked all for attending, She acknowledged Suzanne Walinsky as the new District 8 Director for the PCRA Board of Directors and noted Ms. Walinsky as duly installed.

The PCRA Board of Directors was called upon and invited to stand. Ms. Wood underscored the importance of volunteer Board service and applauded members of the PCRA Board of Directors for their service. Recognizing the hours of donated time, service, and talent, Ms. Wood thanked the Board for their commitment and leadership on behalf of all reporters.



Ms. Wood presented President McHugh and President-Elect Susan Kiniry, RMR, with a special gift of appreciation from NCRA.

President's Remarks

President McHugh thanked all PCRA members in attendance for their support and commitment to advancing the profession – as a member of their state professional association. PCRA Executive Director Melanie Dixon, CAE, PHR, and Assistant Executive Director Liz Matson were thanked for their work in putting together the conference and for ongoing support provided to the association.

President McHugh recognized PCRA member Barbara Quinn, RMR, and thanked her for once again managing the association's annual silent auction. PCRA member, NCRA Board Director and newly-appointed reporter to the U.S. House of Representatives, Michele York, RMR, was recognized and thanked.

Ms. McHugh reviewed activities led by the association over the last year including attendance at several career fairs to promote the profession; representing the profession at the PACM and CCBL conferences; hosting three TRAIN seminars across the state; launching mentor and school liaison programs; and participating in the oral histories project. Additionally, the association appointed a committee to represent the profession with Rule 4000 initiatives.

Over the last five months, President McHugh shared, the association has been actively involved in conversations related to Rule 4000. An emergency petition was filed; numerous conversations and meetings with officials and attorneys were held; and talking points developed. Through the association's efforts and those of the appointed Rule 4000 Committee, led by Secretary-Treasurer Melissa Keating, RPR, PCRA has two seats at the table for this important legislation. President McHugh applauded the committee's work and recognized members: Melissa Keating (Chair), Tiva Wood, Cheryl Hansberry, Jim DeCrescenzo, and Donna Cascio.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm ET.