

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING

**The following were in attendance at the meeting:** Hon. Philip Wright, President; Hon. Michael Brandt, Vice President; Hon. Michael Darby, Executive Secretary; Hon. Diane Blick; Hon. Domenick Calabrese; Hon. Frank Forgione; Hon. Matthew Jalowiec; Hon. Barbara Gardner Riordan; Hon. Cynthia Becker; Hon. Mark DeGennaro; Hon. Paul Knierim, *Probate Court Administrator*; and Bonnie Bennet, *Probate Administration Legal Counsel*;

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m.

**Approval of the minutes from October 10, 2018 meeting:** *Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 10, 2018 were unanimously approved.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *No report*

#### **Committee Reports:**

Continuing Education - *Judge Becker reviewed the upcoming educational programs*

Ethics – *No report*

Legislative – *No report*

Nominating – *No report*

Planning – *No report*

Procedures Review – *No report*

Public Information – *Judge Blick reported she and Judge Purnell will be reaching out to the committee members and scheduling the Committee's first meeting after the holidays.*

#### **Ad Hoc Committees:**

Conservatorship Guidelines – *Judge DeGennaro reported no current activity of the Committee and waiting to see if there will be additional tasks assigned to the Committee.*

Floating Clerks – *No report*

Hospitality – *A letter from Judge Yamin summarizing the recent cocktail party honoring Judge Cravinho was read by Judge Wright.*

Statistics – *No report*

**Appointment of Nominating Committee:** *Judge Wright put forth a slate of Judges to serve on the Nominating Committee consisting of Judge Joseph Marino, Judge John McGrath, Jr. and Judge Peter Barrett. Upon Motion duly made and seconded, the slate as presented was unanimously approved.*

**Comments of the Probate Court Administrator:** *Judge Knierim reported:*

*Six new judges have been elected and have already begun their intensive training; commencing 2019, 30% of the judges will be women – not quite 50% but getting closer; and it would be advisable to continue to explore adopting some form of independent administration as an option to decedents' estates.*

**Comments of the President-Judge:** *Judge Wright stated that it would be wise for the Probate Assembly to explore independent administration and he would be referring that task to the Planning Committee.*

**Other business to come before the Executive Committee:** *None*

**Adjournment:** *Upon Motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane S. Blick*

Hon. Diane S. Blick

**THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING IS CANCELLED.**