

Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
April 26, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. and upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Scott Cooper. To date, 1.9 Million Dollars in dues have been collected. The Association has a positive variance of \$260,000.00. Upon motion and second, the Report was unanimously approved.
3. The Chancellor gave her announcements. First, a resolution was proposed by the Chancellor addressing the important issue of judicial independence. It was moved and seconded. After discussion, the resolution was withdrawn and the sense of the Board was acknowledged that the Chancellor has the authority to speak on behalf of the Association on this issue. The City Policy Committee has been working to develop a gun policy and determine the root causes of gun violence and codes of silence. Recommendations will be given to the next mayoral administration. The Board will hold a mid year retreat on May 24th at the Bar Association. The Association's Mayor's Forum was very successful, along with television coverage of the judicial elections and the Judicial Commission's recommendations.
4. The Board received interesting and insightful remarks from Dr. Menahem Ben-Sasson, a member of the Israeli Knesset for the Kadima Party and Chairman of the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee.
5. The Chair next gave her announcements. She directed that the Assistant Secretary is still awaiting receipt of the Pro Bono Certifications from every Board member for 2007.
6. The Board next was required to replace Joe Prim as a representative on the Nominating Committee since he will be a candidate in the next election. Board Member Gaeten Alfonso was unanimously elected.
7. Shelley Smith provided the Board with an update on the tremendous work done this election cycle by the Association's Judicial Commission. It reviewed the qualifications of 22 candidates. Two candidates subsequently withdrew following an initial finding of not recommended and three candidates found preliminarily not recommended will return for a second appearance before the Commission. All ratings will be completed by the week following the Board's meeting. The Commission will then undertake the task of reviewing the qualifications of the Judges up for retention, which includes ten (10) Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and six (6) Judges of the Municipal Court.
8. Kathleen Wilkinson reported on the proposed changes to Rule 8.4 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct.

9. Brian Chacker, Alan Nochumson and Scott Sigman reported on the upcoming activities of the Young Lawyer's Division, including the Comedy Night and the Law Week activities. Law Week, which is being chaired by Chancellor-Elect Mike Pratt, will include Lawyer for a Day, Naturalization Ceremony, Free Legal Advice at the Gallery, Lawyer in the Classroom, and Jury Appreciation Day. The YLD Comedy Night has raised over \$40,000.00 in sponsorship and now they are looking for individuals and firms to purchase tickets to enjoy this event.

10. Joe Prim and Carl Roberts next gave the Board an overview on the structure and function of the Law Practice Management Division.

11. Sayde Ladov and Scott Cooper gave a brief presentation on the upcoming Mid Year Retreat for the Board, currently scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at the Bar Association.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 5:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Savoth
Secretary