

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
July 19, 2018**

Upon confirmation that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at approximately 4:11 p.m. by Vice Chair Amber Racine.

A motion to approve the [minutes](#) of the Board's June 28, 2018 meeting carried unanimously.

Treasurer Regina Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2018. The association failed to meet its overall year to date budget by \$83,174. Revenues were short, relative to the budget for that period, in the amount of \$158,222, primarily due to reduced sponsorships (which were \$35,000 under budget, and LRIS performance (which was under budget by \$94,722). On the positive side, expenses were lower than expected, in the amount of \$75,048, attributable to cost cutting measures and timing of payments, but were not low enough to offset the reduced revenues. A motion to approve the report carried unanimously.

Treasurer Foley then presented a report on amendments to the Finance Policy and Procedure #5, which allows Susan Knight to have check signing privileges and implements two substantive changes.

Community Legal Services Executive Director Deborah L. Freedman then presented a [resolution](#) in support of American Bar Association Resolution 114, addressing the right to counsel for low income individuals in cases involving basic human needs where they face incarceration, such as child support contempt proceedings and matters involving unpaid court fines or costs. Following discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

Diversity Chair Priscilla Jimenez then provided an update on the association's Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.

Immediate past chancellor Deborah R. Gross, in her capacity as Elections Committee Chair, provided an update on the committee's activities and proposed a series of deadlines recommended by the committee for the close of petitions (October 15, 2018) and commencement of voting (November 19, 2018). The Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Secretary Marc J. Zucker, in his capacity as chair of the Bylaws Committee, provided an update on the committee's activities and the timeline for consideration and approval of the revised association bylaws.

Director of Continuing Legal Education Tara Phoenix reported on the Bench-Bar and Annual Conference, scheduled for October 12, 2018 through October 13, 2018 at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Sponsors are being solicited, and the early bird rate expires on September 13, 2018. Treasurer Regina Foley is soliciting scholarship sponsors to subsidize the attendance costs of public interest attorneys, government attorneys and members who otherwise would not been able to attend. The scholarships are in increments of \$500, awarded on the basis of a lottery system.

Chancellor Mary F. Platt reported on the collection of membership dues and on a pending proposal for sale of the bar association's art collection by Freeman's Auction House. She circulated a copy of the Freeman's proposal, to be addressed at a future meeting. She also asked Board members to recruit new members and said that Andrea Morris-Tracey would ask each Board member to contact a list of 10 members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2018.

Chancellor Platt then reported on the status of the Executive Director search. A committee has been formed, under the chairmanship of former Chancellor Abraham Reich. The Association also is looking for an interim director.

Chancellor Platt also reported on the activities of the Strategic Vision Task Force. The Task Force is drafting a Strategic Plan for consideration and approval at a future Board meeting.

The Association is looking for new potential sponsors for the Association's activities. Chancellor Platt asked Board members to help Tracey McCloskey connect with potential sponsors with whom they do business, including those on the list distributed at the last Board meeting.

There being no further public business, all members of the Bar staff were excused at approximately 5:15 p.m. for an executive session. The Board adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker  
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance  
July 19, 2018**

**Voting members present (by phone or in person)**

Mary Platt	Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss (Ret.)
Rochelle Fedullo	Maureen Olives
Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)	Jennifer Seme
Marc Zucker	Benjamin Barnett
Jennifer Coatsworth	Meghan Claiborne
Regina Foley	Nicholas Kamau
Matthew Olesh	Alisha Lubin
Amber Racine	Michael van der Veen
Maureen Farrell	Deborah Gross
James Funt	Kevin Mincey
Wendy Hess	Vincent Barbera

Eric Siegel  
James Berardinelli  
Ann Funge  
Timothy Holman

Molly Tack-Hooper  
Erin Siciliano  
David Shapiro

**Absent:**

Katayun Jaffari  
Edward Beitz  
Angela Giampolo  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Adam Taylor  
Susan Lin

Neil Maskeri  
Francesca Iacovangelo  
Dominique Ward  
Michaela Tassinari  
Jill Jenkins  
Hon. Tina Rago

**Non-voting members present:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Priscilla Jimenez  
Harry Reichner

Butler Buchanan  
Wesley Payne

**Absent:**

Gaetan Alfano  
Thomas Brophy  
Niki Ingram  
Robyn Addis

Abraham Reich  
Elisa Advani  
Hilda Thompson

