

**Philadelphia Bar Association**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law Institute Of Trial Advocacy**  
**October 30, 2018**

Upon confirmation that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at approximately 4:05 p.m. by Chair Kathy Jaffari.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board's [September 27, 2018](#) regular Board meeting and [October 5, 2018](#) special meeting carried unanimously.

Treasurer Regina Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2018. The Association failed to meet its overall year to date budget by \$49,527. Revenues were short, relative to the budget for that period, in the amount of \$216,127, primarily due to reduced sponsorships and LRIS performance. On the positive side, expenses were lower than expected, in the amount of \$166,600, attributable to cost cutting measures, timing of payments, reduction in salary and benefit expenses due to open positions and the fact that the new CLE position budgeted to start in April has been postponed until November. However, the reductions were not low enough to offset the reduced revenues. A motion to approve the report carried unanimously.

ACE Committee Co-Chairs Elvin Ross and Judge Tamika Lane addressed the Board regarding the activities and plans of the committee, which was founded 10 years ago. Diane Scher is a third co-chair of the committee. The committee has updated its curriculum to reflect recent issues of interest to students, including the NFL, the Starbucks controversy, and the controversy over Confederate monuments. ACE also sponsored a successful, standing-room-only seminar at the Bench Bar Conference, addressing separation of powers.

Bench Bar Co-Chair Julia Swain delivered a report on the 2018 Bench Bar and Annual Conference. Robert Zimmerman, also present, served as her co-chair. Attendance at the conference exceeded 400 persons, approximately 20% of whom were judges. Sixteen scholarships were awarded to attendees, thanks to the efforts of Treasurer Regina Foley. New sponsors participated and had positive experiences.

Director of Continuing Legal Education Tara Phoenix reported on the Association's Continuing Legal Education program, which now has a statewide presence. In the past two years, over 12,000 attendees have participated in seminars through this program. She expects that the CLE programs will generate a net gain in revenue for the Association in 2019. Continuing Judicial Education has added a new area for growth in the program. Distance learning also has presented opportunities through webcasts, although the available technology is limited. Chancellor Platt and Chancellor-elect Fedullo both lauded the success of the program as a member benefit.

Elections Committee Chair Deborah Gross presented a report on the committee's activities. The officer slate is uncontested. There are seven candidates for the five spots on the

Board of Governors, as an eighth candidate withdrew. Two candidate forums have been scheduled, including one which followed this meeting.

Chancellor Mary F. Platt moved for the re-appointment of Butler B. Buchanan III as delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates for a two year term. A motion to approve the re-appointment carried unanimously.

Chancellor Platt then reported on the status of the Executive Director search, which has proceeded through a committee chaired by former Chancellor Abraham Reich. The search itself was conducted by Diversified Search. Three of the top candidates have been scheduled to meet with the Board on November 12, 13 and 14, and are scheduled to meet thereafter with the staff and have a final meeting with the search committee.

Chancellor Platt next provided her monthly announcements, including an update on the status of the Freeman's auction of the Association's art collection, an upcoming forum on separation of powers and plans for Member Appreciation Week. She updated the Board on membership and encouraged Board members to work harder to encourage attorneys to join or renew their membership.

Chair Jaffari introduced Vice Chair Amber Racine, who publicized the Barrister's Turkey Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker  
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance  
October 30, 2018**

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

Mary Platt	Maureen Farrell
Rochelle Fedullo	Teresa Rodriguez
Marc Zucker	Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss (Ret.)
Jennifer Coatsworth	Maureen Olives
Regina Foley	Jennifer Seme
Matthew Olesh	Francesca Iacovangelo
Katayun Jaffari	Nicholas Kamau
Amber Racine	Alisha Lubin

Michael van der Veen  
Dominique Ward  
Deborah Gross  
Kevin Mincey  
Michaela Tassinari

Eric Siegel  
James Berardinelli  
Molly Tack-Hooper  
Erin Siciliano

**Absent:**

Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)  
Edward Beitz  
James Funt  
Angela Giampolo  
Wendy Hess  
Adam Taylor  
Susan Lin  
Neil Maskeri

Benjamin Barnett  
Meghan Claiborne  
Vincent Barbera  
Ann Funge  
Timothy Holman  
Jill Jenkins  
David Shapiro  
Hon. Tina Rago

**Non-voting members present:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Abraham Reich  
Butler Buchanan

Wesley Payne

**Absent:**

Gaetan Alfano  
Priscilla Jimenez  
Thomas Brophy  
Harry Reichner  
Robyn Addis

Elisa Advani  
Hilda Thompson  
John Gregory

