

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
December 21, 2005**

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.
2. The Chair acknowledged the newly elected officers and divisional and sectional heads of the Association who were in attendance.
3. Upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the November, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.
4. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved. It was noted by Treasurer, Mary Platt, that there exists at year's end a net surplus of approximately \$400,000 in the operating budget. Susan Knight was acknowledged for her considerable assistance in the handling of the Association's financial matters.
5. Chancellor Gabe Bevilacqua congratulated the Board for the hard work and effort put forth during his year as Chancellor. He further acknowledged the staff of the Association, led by Ken Shear, and the assistance they continually provided him. He spoke with warm regard for everyone on the Board and was rightfully acknowledged with a standing ovation.
6. Chancellor-Elect Andy Chirls spoke on his recent trip, as a representative of the Association, to Lyon, France. He was accompanied by Ken Shear, Alan Feldman, and Mike Scullen. The trip was part of the exchange program our Association shares with Lyon. They met with the deputy mayor of international trade and attended a meeting on international business opportunities. They met with bar leaders from throughout Europe. Mike Scullen next spoke, detailing how lawyer interns from France and scheduled to come to Philadelphia and that they are in need of host families. Alan Feldman praised the work of Mike Scullen and the relationship he has fostered with the international legal community. Ken Shear spoke on the extraordinary nature of this trip and the potential for our Association to participate further in the international legal community.
7. Chancellor-Elect Andy Chirls next spoke of the media interest in the Family Court and Immigration issues he outlined in his address to the Association in early December.
8. The Chair acknowledged the newly elected members of the Young Lawyers Division and offered the Board parting words on the magnificent year he enjoyed leading the Board. He acknowledged, in particular, Areetha Carter and Stephanie Krzywanski, for their efforts throughout the year. He thanked the Chancellor for permitting him to serve during the year and congratulated the Chancellor on his considerable accomplishments. The Chair thereafter acknowledged outgoing officers, Board members, and section chairs with plaques.
9. In conclusion, the Chancellor acknowledged and thanked the Chair for his dynamic and effective leadership during 2004 and presented him with the traditional gavel and parting gift.

The meeting adjourned at the twilight of a glorious evening.

Respectfully submitted:
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Assistance Secretary