

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
June 28, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 24th meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Shear. As of May 31, 2007 the Association is over budget on its dues collection by \$85,000. The Association is also over budget in revenue by \$110,000. The Association is also over budget in expenses by \$50,000. We are in a good financial position. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Said motion was unanimously approved.

The Vice-Chair, Ms. Resnick, standing in for Ms. Weinstein, introduced the Chancellor, Ms. Dalton, who made the following announcements:

1. Thanks to Stephanie Resnick for chairing the meeting in Ms. Weinstein's absence.
2. The Chancellor has been corresponding with several individuals regarding gun violence.
3. The YLD had a forum led by former acting governor, Mark Schweiker regarding Philadelphia's potential to be Model City.
4. University of Penn Professor Elijah Anderson discussed the "Code of the Street" at a recent Public Interest Section meeting.
5. The Chancellor recognized two of our own in their new positions with the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Andrew Susko, President and Cliff Haines, Vice President.
6. Thank you to our delegation to the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates meeting regarding pro bono involvement.

The Chancellor also discussed our PAC: Campaign for Qualified Judges and moved for the approval of the following officer appointments: Arthur Newbold, Chair; Joe Vignola, Co-Chair; and Melissa Schwartz, Treasurer. The motion was seconded and the nominees were unanimously approved.

Governors Joe Prim and Judy Berkman commented that the Philadelphia Bar Association has taken a leadership role in ensuring that the legal rights of the hearing impaired are protected. Mr. Wilkinson also mentioned that our Board policy regarding pro bono service has been adopted by the House of Delegates.

The Vice-Chair introduced Bruce Franzel, Esquire, Co-Chair of the Charter and Bylaws Committee who introduced two proposed Bylaw amendments which will be discussed seriatim: (1) Section 208 of the Bylaws regarding composition of the Board provides that the two past Chancellors and the past Chair of the Board remain as voting members of the Board. The proposed bylaw amendment would remove them as voting members and allow the past Chancellors to remain on the Board in an ex-officio status. The past Chair would lose status altogether. The resolution to present this bylaw amendment to the members was moved and

seconded and a lively discussion ensued at the conclusion of which a motion was made to table the resolution. The motion was seconded and the motion to table passed. (2) A motion was made and seconded to amend the definition of “publication” to include electronic publication. During the discussion a friendly amendment was made and accepted to include the terms “and/or” and “prominent”. The question was called and the resolution to present the amendment to the members was passed.

Chancellor Dalton rose to discuss this Association’s support of an American Bar Association resolution regarding solo practitioner/small firm transition plans. A motion was made and seconded and the resolution passed unanimously.

There has been a request by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for a contribution to their advertising campaign dealing with improving the image of attorneys. Chancellor Dalton advised that the Cabinet believed that a \$15,000 contribution would be appropriate. A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$15,000. A lively discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

The Vice-Chair then introduced Jacqueline Segal who reported on the Mid-Atlantic Bar Conference Regional Compact on Shared Efforts, Policies and Services in the Event of a Disaster. The Chancellor complemented Ms. Segal on her work as Chair of our own Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster/Pandemic Planning. The sense of the Board is to proceed with continued planning in the event of a disaster.

The Chair introduced Kathy Ochroch and Michael Taub on behalf of Law Firm Pro Bono Committee and the Problems of the Homeless Committee. They introduced a resolution urging our Congressional delegation to oppose the Veterans Administration’s proposed attorney accreditation regulation requirement for attorneys who wish to represent veterans on a pro bono basis. Upon motion made and seconded, the resolution passed unanimously.

Thereafter the Board went into Executive Session and adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Sayde J. Ladov
Vice Chancellor